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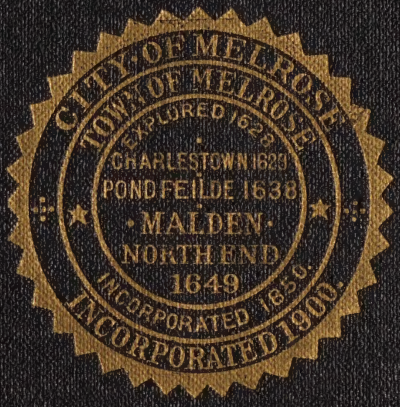

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GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF MELROSE

Mayor

LAWRENCE W. LLOYD
169 Laurel Street

President of the Board of Aldermen

RICHARD H. McINTOSH
86 Derby Road

City Clerk

RAYMOND H. GREENLAW
5 Taylor Street

Aldermen-at-Large

Walter W. Bruce, 260 W. Wyoming Avenue
Allen B. Copeland, 69 East Street
Robert S. Love, 15 Sewell Woods Road
Paul S. Vaitses, Jr., 97 Larchmont Road

Ward Aldermen

1. Frank B. McLaughlin, 15 Stevens Road
2. J. Henry Otis, 37 Lovell Road
3. Burt A. Macy, 50 Youle Street
4. Raymond E. Campbell, 75 Sheffield Road
5. Richard H. McIntosh, 86 Derby Road
6. John A. Lavender, Jr., 45 E. Foster Street
7. Philip L. Wadland, 97 Whitman Avenue

MELROSE PUBLIC LIBRARY

STANDING COMMITTEES
of the
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
1957

Appropriations

Alderman Allen B. Copeland, Chairman;
Alderman Paul S. Vaitses, Jr., Vice-Chairman;
Alderman Walter W. Bruce, Vice-Chairman;
Aldermen Campbell, Lavender, Otis, Wadland,
Love, Macy and McLaughlin

Finance

Alderman Raymond E. Campbell, Chairman;
Aldermen Otis, Lavender, Macy and Bruce

Highways

Alderman John A. Lavender, Jr., Chairman;
Aldermen Macy, Otis, Bruce and Campbell

Legal and Legislative Matters

Alderman Burt A. Macy, Chairman;
Aldermen Bruce, Campbell, Lavender and Otis

Education, Health and Public Welfare

Alderman Frank B. McLaughlin, Chairman;
Aldermen Wadland, Love, Vaitses and Copeland

Protection and License

Alderman Robert S. Love, Chairman;
Aldermen McLaughlin, Copeland, Wadland
and Vaitses

Public Service

Alderman Philip L. Wadland, Chairman;
Aldermen Vaitses, Copeland, Love and McLaughlin

Clerk of Committees

Stanley G. Bunker 275 Upham Street

CITY OFFICERS AND OFFICE HOURS

Acting under the authority of Section one hundred and ten A of Chapter forty-one of the General Laws, inserted therein by Chapter two hundred and sixty-five of the Acts of nineteen hundred and forty-seven, the offices hereinafter named shall be open to the public for the transaction of business from 8 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. daily, except Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays:

The offices of the city clerk, city collector, engineer and superintendent of public works, board of assessors, board of health, board of public welfare, city treasurer, city auditor, building commissioner and veterans' services.

Except during the months of July and August and on legal holidays, the aforesaid offices shall be open on the first and third Mondays of every month from 7 P.M. to 9 P.M. and on all other Monday evenings from 7 P.M. to 8 P.M. (Revised Ordinances, Chapter 2, Section 2-3.)

CITY OFFICERS

BOARD OF APPEAL

W. Jarvis Lowe, Chairman	Term expires 1962
Harry Brettell (Resigned)	
Melvin R. Jenney	Term expires 1962
S. Francis Kimberley	Term expires 1961
Leo Moulaison	Term expires 1961
E. Franklin Reed	Term expires 1959

Edwin H. King, Clerk

ASSESSORS

Lewis C. Hennigar, Chairman	Term expires 1958
Norman D. MacDonald	Term expires 1960
Henry L. Restall	Term expires 1959

Lawrence E. Lovejoy, Executive Secretary
and Director of Assessments

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Building Commissioner

Malcolm G. Fillmore (Retired June 30, 1957)
Francis A. Zins

Plumbing and Gas Inspector

Everett G. Dow

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

William J. McClintock, Chairman

Joseph Casey — Arthur D. King

Howard O. Milton, Superintendent

CITY AUDITOR

Arthur M. Goddard

CITY CLERK DEPARTMENT

City Clerk

Raymond H. Greenlaw

Assistant City Clerk

E. Maude Brown

CITY PHYSICIAN

Vacant

CITY SOLICITOR

A. Van Allen Thomason

CITY TREASURER AND COLLECTOR

S. Homer Buttrick

CIVIL DEFENSE DEPARTMENT

Robert R. Wilson, Director

CONSTABLES

Robert A. Lloyd — George D. MacWilliams

Guy A. Storer

CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD

Arthur M. Goddard, Chairman	Statutory
Robert L. Hutchinson	Term expires 1958
Walter Jones	Term expires 1959

DOG OFFICER

Dr. Sely A. Kay

ENGINEER AND SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Glen S. Weeks

FENCE VIEWERS

Clyde O. Bailey — Robert R. Wilson

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief

Sidney C. Field

Deputy Chief

Office Vacant

Fire Warden

Sidney C. Field

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Board of Health

Dr. OakleyR. Jones, Chairman	Term expires 1960
Lawrence E. Simpson	Term expires 1958
Paul E. Troy	Term expires 1959

Helen F. Adams, Agent

Sanitary Inspector

John J. Devine

School Physicians

Dr. John S. Graf
Dr. Thomas M. Hearne
Dr. George R. Murphy

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND SLAUGHTERING

Cornelius Thibeault, D.V.S.

INSPECTOR OF WIRES

Stanley A. Riggs (Acting)

MAYOR'S SECRETARY

Blanche E. Nickerson

TRUSTEES OF MEMORIAL BUILDING

Dr. Harold L. Margeson, Chairman	Term expires 1959
Robert T. Boynton	Term expires 1958
Leslie B. Ellis	Term expires 1960
Louis K. McNally	Term expires 1958
Arvid F. Moberger	Term expires 1960

Blanche E. Nickerson, Secretary

PARK COMMISSION

Harold W. Poole, Chairman	Term expires 1961
John T. Brady	Term expires 1960
John H. Kelly	Term expires 1958
Edgar A. Perry	Term expires 1962
Kenneth G. Swindell	Term expires 1959

Francis J. Meehan, Superintendent

PERSONNEL BOARD

Nicholas P. Flynn, Chairman	Term expires 1959
Horace H. Feltham	Term expires 1960
Robert F. Goodspeed	Term expires 1959
Frederick S. Nichols	Term expires 1958
Albert A. Vogt, Jr.	Term expires 1960

TRUSTEES OF PINE BANKS PARK

Parker Converse, President
Eaton H. Perkins, Vice-President
Charles H. Gilmore, Secretary
Robert A. Hodgdon, Treasurer
Fred Lamson (Mayor of Malden)
Lawrence W. Lloyd (Mayor of Melrose)
Dana F. Batting
George W. Cray, Superintendent

PLANNING BOARD

Ronald H. Winde, Chairman	Term expires 1959
Lillian V. Macdonald, Secretary	Term expires 1958
Harry M. Brettell	Term expires 1962
John E. Buddington	Term expires 1961
Merion E. Hartzell	Term expires 1958
Kenneth L. Maclachlan	Term expires 1961
Jay J. Martin, Jr.	Term expires 1960
Paul H. Messer	Term expires 1960
Walter V. Robinson	Term expires 1959

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Captain-in-Charge
George D. MacWilliams

Lieutenant
Robert A. Lloyd

Keeper of the Lock-up
George D. MacWilliams

PROPERTY VALUATION BOARD

S. Homer Buttrick, Chairman
Malcolm G. Fillmore, Clerk (Retired June 30, 1957)
Francis A. Zins, Clerk
Norman D. MacDonald

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

Howard B. Wilder, Chairman	Term expires 1960
William L. Carney	Term expires 1958
Edwin W. Lundquist	Term expires 1959
Elisabeth M. Perkins	Term expires 1958
Ernest F. Perkins, Jr.	Term expires 1960
Elinor H. Tibbetts	Term expires 1959

Helen Anderson, Librarian

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

William J. Neely, Chairman	Term expires 1960
Vivian B. Adams (Resigned)	
Gertrude M. Curtin	Term expires 1958
Roy M. Cushman (Died Nov. 15, 1957)	
John W. Huse	Term expires 1959
Charles F. Kezer	Term expires 1958
Carol F. Offenbach	Term expires 1960

Mary J. Melville, Agent

RECREATION COMMISSION

John T. Brady, Chairman	Holdover
Herbert R. Corey	Term expires 1959
Lewis H. Keith	Holdover
John M. Kirk	Term expires 1958
Margaret B. Restall	Term expires 1958
Howard R. True	Term expires 1957
One vacancy	

Charles V. Tousley, Director

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Board Members

Fergus W. Griffin, Chairman	Term expires 1958
Edward J. Murphy	Term expires 1959
Raymond H. Greenlaw, Clerk	Ex-officio
Charles E. Holt	Term expires 1960

Assistant Registrars of Voters

Elizabeth N. Bailot	Mary A. McHatton
Katherine D. Boynton	Mary M. McSweeney
Margaret F. Brennan	Grace F. Mitchell
Vivian R. Denning	Eric G. Noseworthy
Helena E. Dolaher	Frances M. O'Connell
Helen L. Duke	Alicia M. Roman
Barbara H. Gove	Jennie J. Silva
George W. Jepson, Jr.	Helen P. Sykes

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

School Committee Members

Ralph W. Daffinee, Chairman	Term expires 1960
Howard R. True, Cor. Sec'y.	Term expires 1958
Wilbur H. Burnham, Jr.	Term expires 1960
Lloyd E. Conn	Term expires 1960
Robert A. Friend	Term expires 1958
B. Natalie Urban	Term expires 1958
Donald A. Welch	Term expires 1958
Ronald H. Winde, Jr.	Term expires 1960
Leighton H. York	Term expires 1960

Superintendent of Schools

Harold T. Rand

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Oscar D. Knight

VETERANS' SERVICES

Veteran's Agent

H. Leslie Trickey

Inspector of Veterans Graves

Henry F. Weiler

Advisory Board for Veterans' Services

Frank C. Gardner — Richard H. McIntosh

Harold W. Poole

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEAL

To His Honor, the Mayor, and
The Honorable Board of Aldermen
City of Melrose, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The Board of Appeal submits, herewith, its annual report for the year 1957.

The annual organization meeting of the Board was held on December 28, 1956, at which time W. Jarvis Lowe was re-elected chairman and Edwin H. King was re-elected secretary for the ensuing year. Other members serving on the Board this year were Harry Brettell, S. Francis Kimberley, Melvin R. Jenney, E. Franklin Reed, and Leo Moulaison.

The Board held twenty-three hearings during the year. Nine of these were petitions for commercial variances; ten were requests for relief from Zoning Ordinances or Building Code by home owners; two were requests for multiple apartment houses; one was a request for an extension to a nursing home; and one request was made by the City of Melrose for a rubbish disposal area on the Newburyport Turnpike.

Harry Brettell, who was appointed in 1947 to fill out the term of Lewis Hennigar, resigned from the Board in September after ten years of service. Mr. Brettell has retired from active participation in business and has moved out of town. Leo Moulaison was appointed to complete his unexpired term.

This past year the chairman of the Board made a determined effort to improve the member attendance to the meetings,with the ultimate result that there was a decided acceleration in completing decisions.

A summary of the cases heard and decisions rendered follows:

Appeals granted	20
Appeals denied	2
Appeal withdrawn	1
Total	23

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF APPEAL

By Edwin H. King
Secretary

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To His Honor, the Mayor and
The Honorable Board of Aldermen

Gentlemen:

The Board of Assessors respectfully submits the following report of the Assessing Department for the year ending December 31, 1957:

Taxable Valuation of the City:		
Real Estate	$ 46,757,800.00	
Personal Property	3,584,400.00	
TOTAL TAXABLE VALUATION	$ 50,342,200.00	

Tax Rate $59.80 per $1,000.00

BUDGET

City Appropriations		
To be included in the tax levy	$ 3,933,387.92	
From Available Funds	474,735.70	
Total Appropriations		$ 4,408,123.62
State Assessments - 1957 Estimates		
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	3,271.74	
State Examination of Retirement System	149.71	
Smoke Inspection Service	620.33	
Metropolitan Parks	45,733.00	
Metropolitan Sewerage	75,344.24	
Metropolitan Water	58,678.72	
Total 1957 State Estimates		$ 183,797.74
County Assessments - 1957 Estimates		
County Tax	$ 132,537.04	
Tuberculosis Hospital - Actual	32,206.14	
Total 1957 County Estimates		$ 164,743.18
County Assessment - 1956 Underestimate		$ 5,380.10
Overlay 1957		$ 64,641.21
Overlay Deficit - 1954		$ 145.80
TOTAL ALL APPROPRIATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS		$ 4,826,831.65

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BOARD OF ASSESSORS

RECAPITULATION OF 1957 TAX RATE

LESS DEDUCTIONS

Estimated Receipts - City 1957		
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	$ 303,930.46	
Licenses	6,848.00	
Fines	1,725.30	
Special Assessments	63,383.13	
General Government	9,891.26	
Protection of Persons and Property	2,349.47	
Health and Sanitation	20,223.11	
Highways	8,038.65	
Charities	35,958.11	
Old Age Assistance	187,600.40	
Veterans' Services	14,299.61	
Schools	13,000.00	
Libraries	17.00	
Recreation	4,575.72	
Public Service Enterprises	227,354.18	
Cemeteries	11,823.92	
Interest	12,227.19	
Farm Animal Excise	8.10	
Total 1957 Estimated City Receipts		$ 923,253.61
Estimated Receipts - State 1957		
Income Tax	$ 226,633.09	
Corporation Taxes	160,266.15	
Old Age Tax (Meals)	9,210.20	
Total 1957 Estimated State Receipts		396,109.44
Estimated Receipts - 1956 State Overestimates		
Smoke Inspection Service	$ 87.86	
Metropolitan Parks	2,056.67	
Metropolitan Sewerage	2,112.81	
Total 1956 State Overestimates		4,257.34
Available Funds		474,735.70
TOTAL ALL DEDUCTIONS		$ 1,798,356.09
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION		$ 3,028,475.76

HOW RAISED

POLLS 9006	@ $2.00	$ 18,012.00
PERSONAL TAX	$ 3,584,400.00 @ $59.80	214,347.12
REAL ESTATE	$ 46,757,800.00 @ $59.80	2,796,116.44
TOTAL		$ 3,028,475.56

ADDENDUM

Year	Census	Dwellings	Polls	Value Buildings	Value Land	Total Val. Real Estate	Value Personal Estate	Total Valuation	Rate per $1,000	City Appropriation	Sewerage Tax	Other State Levies	State Tax	County Tax	Overlay	Total Tax Levy	Year
1937	23,891	5,674	7,106	27,013,900	7,972,300	34,986,200	2,420,000	37,406,200	33.80	1,416,969.65 †138,894.78	22,612.66	86,408.42	64,400.00	56,912.59 15,608.79	15,889.11 3,167.76	1,620,863.76 *542,322.20	1937
1938	24,050	5,748	7,175	27,619,400	8,089,000	35,708,400	2,807,500	38,515,900	34.40	1,502,168.38 †61,646.44	22,916.59	89,157.51	50,440.00	59,058.70 32,760.51	18,876.83 1,084.67	1,838,109.63 *498,212.67	1938
1939	24,670	5,790	7,977	27,584,800	8,189,000	35,773,800	2,726,250	38,500,050	33.80	1,491,463.07 †102,231.21	27,001.39	142,027.68	104,040.00	49,678.46 18,408.73	17,925.87	1,952,776.41 *635,520.72	1939
1940	25,232	5,858	8,191	27,749,950	8,047,250	35,797,200	2,727,800	38,525,000	33.60	1,512,704.20 †57,768.78	28,982.80	81,387.41	92,480.00	49,678.46 18,998.84	29,317.13	1,871,317.62 *560,495.62	1940
1941	25,511	5,926	8,281	27,859,050	7,939,600	35,798,650	2,723,450	38,522,100	31.60	1,475,192.60 †58,077.51	33,226.90	72,049.39	100,485.00	57,506.55 17,281.83	29,226.58 2,024.83	1,845,071.19 *611,210.83	1941
1942	25,896	5,875	8,486	28,453,600	7,971,250	36,424,850	2,676,750	39,101,600	30.60	1,445,152.91 †104,482.00	30,823.77	71,335.63	91,350.00	48,063.67 17,498.85	27,207.70 580.71	1,836,495.24 *623,014.28	1942
1943	26,649	5,887	8,838	28,698,600	7,931,900	36,630,500	2,729,200	39,359,700	28.40	1,385,174.55 †79,284.55	31,938.34	64,856.13	30,450.00	43,324.31 10,571.89	17,553.72	1,663,153.49 *527,662.01	1943
1944	27,412	5,885	9,195	28,624,500	8,035,950	36,660,450	2,715,900	39,376,350	29.60	1,402,782.15 †199,898.08	29,159.69	80,378.72	76,351.00	51,223.86 12,302.59	18,051.80	1,870,147.89 *686,339.93	1944
1945	27,971	5,881	9,329	28,671,500	7,909,800	36,581,300	2,806,050	39,387,350	29.60	1,499,942.80 †191,089.31	29,762.25	71,522.56	42,908.00	53,313.34 12,375.71	16,286.28 250.00	1,867,450.25 *682,926.69	1945
1946	27,938	5,880	9,324	28,702,200	7,908,350	36,610,550	2,913,000	39,423,550	31.60	1,560,615.98 †182,790.95	34,052.28	39,113.24	31,600.00	62,876.97 10,001.77	17,480.45 312.40	1,938,344.04 *673,981.86	1946
1947	27,761	5,901	9,089	28,973,700	7,916,800	36,890,500	3,093,950	39,984,450	36.00	1,863,980.44 †257,748.14	43,122.85	43,305.96	31,600.00	76,511.38 14,344.76	15,772.18 94.00	2,346,479.71 *888,909.51	1947
1948	27,754	5,977	9,015	29,736,800	7,961,800	37,698,600	3,365,750	41,064,350	42.00	2,336,368.14 †553,127.10	47,646.33	42,435.28	0.00	68,879.51 14,344.76	18,248.39 1,153.11	2,982,202.62 *1,239,469.92	1948
1949	27,928	6,076	9,015	30,599,200	8,041,750	38,640,950	3,630,800	42,271,750	42.00	2,275,091.66 †505,779.95	50,536.79	53,625.77	0.00	86,952.17 19,326.54	25,008.40 625.80	3,016,947.08 *1,223,503.58	1949
1950	27,973	6,156	8,981	31,168,500	8,079,400	39,247,900	3,360,600	42,608,500	42.00	2,453,410.37 †425,385.17	61,384.35	65,614.32	0.00	114,034.08 21,887.19	25,000.00 529.67	3,167,245.15 *1,359,726.15	1950
1951	28,226	6,279	9,019	31,996,700	8,149,350	40,146,050	3,554,250	43,700,300	46.00	2,796,487.39 †200,763.66	60,072.82	54,809.62	0.00	98,478.29 28,422.61	27,000.00 8.40	3,266,122.79 *1,237,870.99	1951
1952	28,313	6,409	9,021	33,242,450	8,234,300	41,476,500	3,219,150	44,695,900	53.80	3,079,186.82 †277,726.82	54,215.99	80,488.60	0.00	123,755.80 33,788.56	35,450.43 2,061.83	3,686,674.40 *1,263,992.98	1952
1953	28,335	6,506	8,981	34,482,100	8,335,050	42,817,150	3,243,400	46,050,550	52.80	3,128,765.89 †462,019.15	59,101.92	67,226.70	0.00	108,738.00 39,235.21	42,223.07 4,559.03	3,911,868.97 *1,461,909.93	1953
1954	28,538	6,596	8,942	35,242,950	8,345,150	43,588,100	3,342,400	46,920,500	54.40	3,384,078.17 †228,380.89	51,220.61	98,098.80	0.00	109,487.12 34,862.71	41,385.08 523.38	3,948,036.76 *1,377,677.56	1954
1955	29,239	6,720	9,031	36,344,450	8,398,200	44,742,650	3,358,200	48,100,850	55.40	3,489,274.98 † 280,787.04 H 85,661.95	55,468.84	94,415.14	0.00	108,479.00 32,504.32	52,012.81 5,432.79	4,204,036.87 *1,521,187.78	1955
1956	29,304	6,830	8,970	37,211,050	8,431,750	45,642,800	3,392,650	49,035,450	58.00	3,702,814.17 †1,097,855.28 H 10,235.90 C 8,500.00	65,638.60	106,843.07	0.00	132,666.91 30,757.95	56,604.91 1,327.16	5,213,243.95 *2,351,247.85	1956
1957	29,713	6,910	9,005	38,144,600	8,613,200	46,757,800	3,584,400	50,342,200	59.60	3,933,387.92 474,735.70	75,344.24	108,453.50	0.00	137,917.14 32,206.14	64,641.21 145.80	4,826,831.65 *1,798,356.09	1957

H Hurricane Exp.
† From Available Funds
* Receipts
C Court Judgment

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Number of Persons, Partnerships and Corporations assessed	7,189
Number of Persons assessed for Poll Tax	9,011
Number of Motor Vehicle Excises levied	13,158
Number of Horses assessed upon	9
Number of Dwellings assessed upon	6,910

VALUATION OF EXEMPTED PROPERTY

	PERSONAL	REAL ESTATE
City Property Publicly Used	$ 500,400.00	$ 5,722,750.00
City Property Not So Used		73,775.00
Benevolent Institutions	265,000.00	1,011,300.00
Cemeteries	500.00	23,400.00
Charitable Institutions	5,500.00	68,200.00
Houses of Religious Worship	39,500.00	1,558,100.00
Literary Institutions	12,500.00	197,800.00
Organizations of War Veterans	3,000.00	19,100.00
Parsonages		94,500.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		227,000.00
	$ 826,400.00	$ 8,995,925.00

The following additional assessments were committed:

Motor Vehicle Excise	(13,158)		$ 404,101.98
Farm Animal Excise	(1)		$ 8.10
Apportioned Sewer Assessments		$ 13,491.08	
" Sidewalk "		3,545.69	
" Street "		14,299.59	
Water Liens		12,013.12	
Committed Interest		11,865.02	$ 55,214.50
Unapportioned Sewer Assessments		$ 36,525.17	
" Sidewalk "		9,002.96	
" Street "		57,592.12	$ 103,120.25
Additional Polls	(5)		$ 10.00
Recovered from Estates of Deceased Persons	(5)		$ 1,427.22

During the year 30,849 items were committed to the Collector.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lewis C. Hennigar

Henry P. Restall

Norman D. MacDonald

ANNUAL REPORT
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CITY OF MELROSE

for the

Year Ending December 31st
1957

Organization of Board
Oakley R. Jones, M.D., Chairman
Paul E. Troy, Atty., Lawrence E. Simpson, Members
Helen F. Adams, Agent

School Physicians
Thomas M. Hearne, M.D. George R. Murphy, M.D.
John S. Graf, M.D.

Public Health Nurses
Johanna P. M. Versteeg, P.H.N., Supervisor
Jane H. Lord, P.H.N., Edith N. Hersam, P.H.N.

Dentist
Ezra J. Kennison, D.M.D.

Dental Hygienists
Patricia Carey Margaret Reed
Roberta Ling Ruth Stevenson

Inspectors

Sanitary John J. Devine
Animal Cornelius Thibeault, D.V.S.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

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To the Honorable Mayor and
Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose 76, Mass.

Gentlemen:

We submit herewith a review of the health conditions of the city and a statement of the acts of the Board of Health for the year ending December 31, 1957.

CHANGES IN PERSONNEL -

Mrs.Patricia Carey, Mrs.Roberta Ling and Miss Margaret Reed were appointed as dental hygienists in this department to fill the vacancies caused by the resignations of Mrs.Eleanor Hovey, Mrs.Dorothy Campbell and Mrs. Frances Sargent at the close of the school year in June 1957.

Dr. Oakley R. Jones was reappointed to the Board of Health another three year term.

The general health of the community was excellent during 1957. There was a slight decrease in the number of births and also a slight decrease in the number of deaths. Of the 488 births to Melrose parents, 9 children died under 1 year of age. Of the 283 deaths of all Melrose residents, 172 were over 70 years of age. This city had no major epidemics during 1957. Melrose was fortunate in not having had a single case of poliomyelitis or diphtheria during 1957. There were 29 premature infants born with 5 deaths resulting from this prematurity. Financial aid was given to two indigent parents requiring it.

The school health program covers physical examinations by the school doctors and nursing in the 11 public and 2 parochial schools. On completion of the examination, conferences between the nurses, teachers and parents are held, if a child is found to have a defect. Every attempt is made to correct or at least improve the defect so that the child may make a good school adjustment. The Dental Health portion of the school health program continued during 1957 in full operation. Remedial dentistry was offered to those children having financial need by the clinic dentist at the Coolidge School. The program offering topical application of sodium fluoride to school children was continued throughout the school year. A detailed account of this program and the work accomplished in our schools is presented in the Supervising Public Health Nurse's Report.

The annual diabetes detection drive was observed in November. At the Melrose Hospital 17 free specimens were examined of which none showed sugar.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES -

Statistics show an increase in the number of communicable diseases reported during 1957, with 876 cases reported during this year as compared to 411 cases in 1956. This increase was due to a State wide mild epidemic of chickenpox, german measles and mumps. No deaths occurred in the reportable disease group during 1957.

Tuberculosis - There were 6 new cases reported and we are extremely proud to report that Melrose did not have a single death from tubercular infection during 1957. We consider this an unprecedented record, one which we feel is due to active treatment with injections, and the education and care carried on by the public health nurses.

Measles - There were 16 cases of measles reported in 1957 as compared to 10 cases in 1956.

Rabies Control - 314 dogs were inocculated against rabies this year. There were no cases of rabies in the city.

HEALTH EDUCATION -

This program continued with all personnel participating. Attendance at lectures, conferences, and seminars, is essential to maintain well trained personnel. The Metropolitan Health Officers' Association were guest of the Board of Health of Melrose at a luncheon meeting held at Mount Hood Golf Club on April 18, 1957. Quoting from the State Commissioner of Public Health,Dr. Samuel B. Kirkwood regarding this Association, he says, "To me this is one of the most important of the professional health organizations and is one upon which we at the State level lean heavily for advice".

SANITATION -

All nuisances reported were investigated and action taken for correction. Unclean premises, garbage strewn over yards, inadequate surface water drainage, rats and illegal dumping were the most frequent complaints. Constant vigilance is required to keep such nuisance complaints at a minimum.

All proposed sub-divisions were inspected for satisfactory drinking water, sewage and surface drainage as prescribed by General Laws.

Our bakeries received the semi-annual inspections required and objectionable practises were called to the owners' attention.

All milk sold in the city was tested and cultured periodically and found acceptable. Milk sold in this city is pasteurized, thus protecting the community from the several milk borne diseases.

Sanitary inspection of restaurants, drug stores and stores selling food and soft drinks consumed on the premises were made and in general found to meet standard requirements.

BOARD OF HEALTH

All applications for cesspools were inspected and permits granted only to those who met the required specifications according to the rules and regulations of this department.

All known stables, animal pens, chicken yards, etc. were inspected.

Routine inspections were made of the one Motel in Melrose and conditions found to be excellent.

RECOMMENDATIONS -

Again our recommendations are as follows; a more adequate office, a laboratory and clinic space are most urgently needed. At present, only one room is available for a staff of 6 full-time employees and 8 part-time employees. There is no laboratory available for the Sanitary Inspector and his examinations are being made in a laboratory outside the city. A conference room for the nurses to interview privately, the many mothers who call on them regarding their family health problem is necessary.

In presenting this report for 1957, we wish to express our appreciation for the courtesy of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen and to the various department for their cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of

Health of

Melrose

BOARD OF HEALTH

TABLE I

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	1957	Totals 1957	1956	Totals 1956
Total Appropriation		$47,575.91		$43,649.26
EXPENDITURES				
Salaries & Wages		$27,265.93		$25,213.48
Chairman	$ 3,023.43		$ 2,837.90	
Board Members	143.50		133.80	
Health Agent	3,891.42		3,476.28	
Substitute Agent	150.00		150.00	
School Physicians	1,758.60		1,650.75	
Public Health Nurses	12,621.30		11,616.34	
Inspector of Animals	791.70		743.00	
Sanitary Inspector	4,885.98		4,605.41	
Other Expenses		$ 1,754.01		$ 1,747.34
Telephone	$ 243.00		$ 285.55	
Car Allowance-Public Health Work @ 8¢ per mile	1,340.33		1,213.92	
Postage & Express	39.45		51.60	
Office Supplies	45.01		98.70	
Sundries & Printing	86.22		97.57	
Tuberculosis		$ 2,415.33		$ 4,153.39
Outside Aid	$ 364.83		$ 354.39	
Board & Supplies in Hospital	2,050.50		3,799.00	
Quarantine & Contagious Disease		$ 280.07		$ 185.60
Care & Disposal of Stray Animals		$ 610.00		$ 400.00
Immunization of Dogs		$ 309.88		$ 277.80
Dental Clinic		$ 8,699.24		$ 7,310.50
Salaries & Wages	$ 7,807.79		$ 6,487.30	
Administrative Expense	891.45		823.20	
Transportation-Children Dental Clinic		$ 735.00		$ 598.00
Care of Premature Infants		$ 696.00		$ 541.47
Laboratory & Educational Expense		$ 336.52		$ 88.74
Mosquito Suppression		$ 2,378.66		$ 1,969.24
Polio Clinic		$ 120.00		$ 399.02
Influenza Shots		$ 251.69		$
Total Expenditures		$ 45,852.33		$42,884.58
Revenues of Board of Health*		$ 2,107.52		$ 1,960.42
Licenses and Permits	$ 278.00		$ 278.50	
Reimbursements	1,643.52		1,524.92	
Dog Clinic	186.00		157.00	

*Not available for use

TABLE II

DEATHS IN MELROSE (INCLUDING MELROSE HOSPITAL) CLASSIFIED AS TO CAUSE

		MALES	FEMALES
I.	Infectious and Parasitic Diseases	1	0
II.	Cancer and Other Tumors	28	34
III.	Rheumatism, Diseases of Nutrition & of the Endocrine.. Glands, Other Gen.Diseases & Avitaminoses	1	2
IV.	Diseases of the Blood & Blood-forming Organs	2	0
VI.	Diseases of the Nervous System & Sense Organs	19	27
VII.	Diseases of the Circulatory System	78	75
VIII.	Diseases of the Respiratory System	13	7
IX.	Diseases of the Digestive System	8	6
X.	Diseases of the Genito-urinary System	5	3
XIII.	Diseases of the Bones and Organs of Movement	1	0
XV.	Diseases Peculiar to the First Year of Life	8	8
XVII.	Violent or Accidental Deaths	5	2
XVIII.	Ill-defined & Unknown Causes	0	2

There were 15 stillbirths in 1957 in Melrose

Deaths of all persons in Melrose..... Males.. 169
Females 166
Total. 335

There were 4 stillbirths to Melrose residents in 1957

Deaths of all Melrose residents..... Males.. 120
(exclusive of stillbirths) Females 163
Total. 283*

Of these deaths, children under one year..... 9
Persons over seventy years.....172

TABLE III

INFANT MORTALITY TO ALL MELROSE PARENTS

Year	Live Births	Deaths Infants under one year	Infant mortality per 1000 Live Births
1957	488*	9	18.5*

Children born in Melrose to Melrose parents..... 335
(Including 3 stillbirths)
Children born outside of Melrose of rose parents 153
(Including 1 stillbirth)
Children born in Melrose to non-residents..... 984

Total (Including stillbirths)..... 1472*

POPULATION JANUARY 1, 1957 - 29,713

Apparent death rate 1957 per 1,000 population.....8.9*

*Provisional figures

TABLE III

CASES & DEATHS OF CERTAIN DISEASES FOR TEN YEARS

	Polio-myelitis		Diph-theria		Scarlet Fever		Typhoid Fever		Measles		Lobar Pneum-onia		Whooping Cough		Tuberculosis Pul. & Miliary		Tuberculosis Menin-geal		Other Forms	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
1948	1	0	1	0	9	0	1	0	166	0	12	0	19	0	9	5	0	0	1	2
1949	25	2	0	0	19	0	0	0	414	0	1	0	33	0	4	4	0	0	0	0
1950	3	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	45	0	3	0	47	0	11	2	0	0	0	0
1951	2	0	1	0	12	0	1	0	66	0	1	0	2	0	12	3	0	0	0	0
1952	5	1	1	0	15	0	0	0	608	0	1	0	9	0	5	3	0	0	1	0
1953	6	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	7	0	4	4	0	0	1	0
1954	4	0	2	0	17	0	0	0	177	0	0	0	33	0	3	2	0	0	0	1
1955	23	1	0	0	21	0	0	0	983	0	0	0	8	0	10	2	0	0	0	1
1956	1	0	0	0	26	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	10	0	5	1	0	0	1	0
1957	0	0	0	0	26	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	4	0	6	0	0	0	0	0

BOARD OF HEALTH

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF NURSING

Board of Health,
Melrose 76, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

The primary function of the official health agency should always be the prevention of illness. Our efforts are largely aimed at decreasing the susceptibility of children against diseases like diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus and poliomyelitis by active immunizations.

Following the large outbreak of poliomyelitis during 1955 it was not surprising that once the vaccine was available for our children, the rate of polio cases dropped to zero in 1957.

12 immunization clinics were held for children under school age.
26 children received the double doses of polio vaccine.
39 children received booster doses.

27 children received the triple doses of diphtheria-whooping cough-tetanus.
16 children received booster doses.

SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAM -

The public and parochial schools were visited periodically by the public health nurses. They made a total of 956 visits to schools.

3,968 interviews with teachers
1,056 personal interviews with pupils
3,708 classrooms visited
174 teacher-nurse conferences
862 hearing tests at Saint Mary's
95 hearing re-tests at Saint Mary's
808 vision tests at Saint Mary's
77 vision re-tests at Saint Mary's
15 pupils referred to Lions Club for eye examinations and glasses

The school doctors examined 946 pupils and screened 15 pupils.

TUBERCULOSIS PROGRAM -

The nurses made 405 visits to 64 tuberculous patients and 95 visits to 81 tuberculous contacts and suspects. 108 visits were made to give hypodermic injections to inactive tuberculous patients at home.

A total of 52 appointments for chest X-rays and physical examinations were made as follows:

Middlesex County Sanatorium:
4 patients
9 contacts
19 suspects

North Reading Sanatorium:
0 patients
3 contacts
15 suspects

Melrose Hospital:
1 patient
0 contacts
1 suspect

18 industries were visited to offer services for chest X-rays, posters and literature.

HANDICAPPED CHILDREN -

The census showed a total of 76 handicapped children. Most of these were carried over from the previous years.

Handicaps were; congenital defects, results of accidents and burns, harelips with cleft palates, etc. Children who are of school age and unable to attend school, receive the services of a visiting teacher. Lip reading classes are provided through the school department. It is our responsibility to have these children adequately cared for either by private medical care or through clinics. 99 visits were made to the homes by the nurses to make available to the parents the facilities of hospitalization, laboratory, X-rays, artificial limbs and braces.

Dr. Ezra J. Kennison, at the local dental clinic worked 104 days. A resume of his work is as follows:

106 pupils were examined
199 pupils were treated
94 completed
79 extractions
1,097 fillings
5 X-rays

The 3 full-time dental hygienists carried on the program of prophlaxis and the topical applications of sodium fluorides. During the treatments the pupils were given information about dental health. Five meetings were held by the Dental Committee and new policies were drawn up and were accepted by the Board of Health.

176 visits to the school clinics were made by the Supervisor.

Of grades 2-4-6-8, 1,558 pupils received 6,186 treatments of sodium fluoride.

The State Department of Health reported 8 cases of syphilis and 1 case of gonorrhea in Melrose during 1957.

MISCELLANEOUS -

97 interviews with Health. Social and Welfare Agencies.
23 meetings attended.

We are indebted to the following local agencies for their kind assistance and cooperation:

The Salvation Army
The Red Cross Ames Fund
The School Department
St. Mary's Parochial School
The Local Tuberculosis Association
The Melrose Hospital
The Lions Club

Respectfully submitted,

Johanna Versteeg

Johanna P.M. Versteeg, P.H.N.
Supervising Public Health Nurse

BOARD OF HEALTH

REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR

To the Board of Health,
Melrose 76, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The Sanitary Inspector herewith submits his annual report from January 1, 1957 to December 31, 1957:

INSPECTION OF MILK

INSPECTION

Pasteurizing Plants	103
Dairies within city limits	1
Ice Cream Plants	25

SAMPLES COLLECTED:

Market Milk	103
Grade "A" Milk	31
Homogenized Milk	149
Special Milk	17
Cream	89
Ice Cream	84

LABORATORY REPORT:

Chemical analysis of milk and cream	403
(found below standard, 7)	
Bacteriological examination of milk and cream	824
(found below standard, 41)	
Coliform count, milk and ice cream	395
(found below standard, 57)	
Chemical analysis of ice cream	48
(found below standard, 1)	
Bacteriological examination of Mix and Ice Cream	295
(found below standard, 19)	
Phosphatase test	346
Total Solids	86
Water Samples	15

DAILY RETAIL SALES MILK PRODUCTS
(Dealers' Declaration)

Pasteurized Milk	18,240 qts.
Certified Pasteurized Milk	24 qts.
Cream	621 qts.

LICENSES AND PERMITS

Milk and Oleomargerine, stores and dealers	112
Pasteurization Plants	1
Ice Cream Manufacturing Permits	2
Ice Cream Sales Permits	91

GEOMETRICAL AVERAGE FOR THE YEAR 1957

GRADE "A" MILK

Dealer	Milk Fat	Plate Count
State Standard	4.00	10,000
Hoods, H. P. & Sons	4.30	400
Kiley Farm	4.33	850
Prescott, J. B. & Co	4.53	1,500
Spears, Clinton W.	4.55	1,500
Seven Oaks Dairy	4.72	2,500
Sunnyhurst Dairy, Inc	4.32	2,000

MARKET AND HOMOGENIZED MILK

State Standard	3.35	10,000
Market:		
Brennan, Horace	4.13	4,000
Buttrick, David	4.15	1,000
Brookside (First National Store)	3.99	3,000
Cummings, B. L., Inc	4.00	3,500
Fallon, W. J. & Son	3.73	1,500
Hoods, H. P. & Sons	3.85	2,000
Kiley Farm	3.89	1,500
Quinn Farm Dairy	4.04	500
Speare, Clinton W.	3.92	4,000
Sunnyhurst Dairy, Inc	4.32	3,000
United Farmers of New England	3.78	4,000
Ware Dairy	3.95	4,000
Weiss Farms	3.71	1,500
Whiting Milk Company	3.75	1,500
Homogenized:		
Brookside (First National Store)	3.83	3,000
Brox's Dairy	3.70	2,000
Buttrick, David	4.28	650
Cummings, B.L., Inc	3.93	4,000
Fallon, W. J. & Sons	3.67	3,000
Hanley & Sons	4.01	450
Happy Valley Dairy	3.80	11,000
Herlihy Bros., Inc	3.85	7,000
Hoods, H. P. & Sons	3.73	4,000
Palmer, Harry	4.01	2,000
Simmons, Charles L.	3.78	1,500
Seven Oaks Dairy	3.88	3,000
Spears, Clinton W.	3.92	4,000
Sunnyhurst Dairy, Inc	3.82	3,000
Ware Dairy	3.85	2,000
Weiss Farm	3.54	2,000
Whiting Milk Company	3.70	3,000
United Farmers of New England	3.90	2,000

INSPECTION OF FOOD

INSPECTIONS:	
Common Victuallers	150
Stores-Lord's Day and Food	115
Stores-Drug	76
Bakeries	29
Nuisance Complaints	95
Number of investigations made concerning complaints	182
Animal Permits Granted	13
Animal Permit Inspections	30
Cesspool Inspections	40
Cesspool and Septic Tank Permits Granted	7
Cesspool and Septic Tank Permits Refused	3
Methyl and Wood Alcohol Licenses Issued	32
Water samples analysed	15
Bacteriological examination of eating utensils (Common Victualler and Soda Fountains	506
(found above 100 plate count, 156)	
Total Cultures Made	559

INSPECTION OF FOOD (CONT'D)

Foods Condemned as Unfit for Human Consumption:

Meat	5 lbs.
Cookies	32 pkgs.
Chocolate Syrup	2 gals.

Fire Damaged:

Cans and Bottled Goods	624
Ice Cream	80 lbs.
Candy	248 lbs.

AVERAGES FOR THE YEAR 1957

	Bacterial Count			Scoring Grade
	Dishes	Glasses	Silverware	%
Federal Standard (not over)	100	100	100	
COMMON VICTUALLERS' LICENSES:				
Bellevue Golf Club	300	190	81	90.
Brigham's Inc	16	5	17	96.5
Emerson Grille	125	96	31	90.5
Franklin Square Restaurant	20	13	11	89.5
F. W. Woolworth's	35	33	29	91.5
Garvey Inc	110	P.S.	52	89.
Golden Gate Restaurant	39	230	23	89.
Jerry's Lunch	23	15	27	91.
Lee's Ice Cream	98	18	27	95.
The Lobster Shop	41	38	180	92.
Lou's Lunch	150	53	81	91.5
Melrose Donut Shop	46	50	76	96.
Melrose Hospital Coffee Shop	15	6	36	94.
Mount Hood Golf Club	64	39	160	90.
Pine Banks Park Refreshment Stand	42	90	25	85.
Pondview Restaurant	98	11	33	95.
Regent Delicatessen	30	12	33	91.
Reynold's Luncheonette	83	94	81	89.5
Melrose Cafeteria	140	130	140	89.7
Stearns & Hill	16	36	44	95.
FOUNTAIN SERVICE STORES:				
Austin Pharmacy		77	14	
Bells Pharmacy		5	10	
LeBlanc Pharmacy		180	17	
Emerson Pharmacy		8	2	
Franklin Spa		30	26	
Grove Pharmacy		190	110	
Haslam Pharmacy		5	3	
Hill & Co		48	98	
York Pharmacy		39	39	
Rogers Pharmacy		38	12	
R. M. Varjabedian		14	7	

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Devine

John J. Devine
Sanitary Inspector.

BOARD OF HEALTH

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

The Board of Health,
City of Melrose,
Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

As Inspector of Animals for the City of Melrose, I herewith submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1957.

Eighty-six (86) dogs were examined and quarantined for rabies observation as having inflicted injury by biting or scratching persons. There were no cases of rabies in the City this year.

All barns housing horses were inspected and found to be in good condition.

There are no cattle within the City.

Respectfully submitted,
Cornelius Thibeault
Cornelius Thibeault, D.V.N.
Inspector of Animals.

REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER

To His Honor, the Mayor, and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen
City of Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The Building Department respectfully submits, herewith, its annual report for the year 1957.

The building, plumbing, and gas permits issued during the year are classified below:

No.	Classification	Estimated Cost
60	Single Dwellings	$ 463,000.00
1	Duplex Dwelling	20,000.00
59	Reshingles	20,660.00
93	Alterations (Dwelling)	52,090.00
28	Alterations (Other)	72,004.00
26	Garages	27,825.00
1	School addition	168,000.00
1	Hospital addition	35,000.00
1	Church addition	40,000.00
1	Warehouse (furniture)	14,000.00
14	Demolitions	00
2	Relocations	00
4	Tank installations	7,200.00
6	Utility houses	1,520.00
1	Refuse house	500.00
2	Restoration of fire damage	8,500.00
1	Service station	9,000.00
2	Swimming pools	4,000.00
	Conversions:	
3	Single to 2-family dwelling	2,650.00
1	Store to 1 apartment	1,000.00
307	Building Permits	$ 946,949.00
PLUMBING AND GAS DIVISION:		
72	Permits to do plumbing in new buildings	$ 69,733.00
528	Permits to replace plumbing in old buildings	127,600.00
92	Permits for the addition of plumbing in old buildings	29,525.00
3	Permits for new sewer connections in old buildings that require plumbing	300.00
695	Plumbing Permits	$ 227,158.00
237	Gas Permits	$ 22,651.00

Number of plumbing fixtures installed	1,694
Number of visits of inspection for plumbing	1,248
Number of water tests for plumbing	74
Number of gas fits installed	21
Number of gas appliances installed	255
Number of permits to change gas piping	3
Number of visits and tests on gas work	304

A total sum of $2,632.05 was received by the Building Department from January 1 to December 31, 1957 for building, plumbing, and gas permit fees, code books, zoning maps, and Board of Appeal applications.

307 Building permits	$ 1,286.00
695 Plumbing permits	959.00
237 Gas permits	150.00
19 Zoning maps	4.75
30 Code books	12.30
22 Board of Appeal applications	220.00
Total fees	$ 2,632.05

Respectfully submitted,

Francis G. Finn
Building Commissioner

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Mayor
and Board of Aldermen,
Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Sections 2-39 of Chapter 2 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Melrose, the Cemetery Committee hereby submits its report for the year ending December 31, 1957.

Aside from the regular services and the maintenance of grounds and structures, the only work of permanent improvement was the covering of the open brook on the main drain line, thus eliminating a source of odor and mosquitoes. Two sand-trap manholes were constructed in an effort to prevent clogging due to insufficient pitch in grade.

Also, a new 1¼" water main, 580 feet long, together with six hydrants, was laid in the new sections in the easterly end of the cemetery, thus providing water for an extensive area.

Having reached the limit of efficient service, our old truck has been replaced with a new one.

A new overhead door has been installed in the garage to replace an old swinging type door which had become worn out. Also, in the garage a new heating system was installed. This is a forced hot-air system, replacing a steam boiler, and is proving very satisfactory both in regards efficiency and economy of operation.

A new power lawnmower has been added to our equipment, and one of the old ones has been retired.

During the night of November 15, vandals entered the cemetery and overturned 187 memorial stones, ten of which were broken. Because of the extent of the damage, the Cemetery Committee deemed it advisable to request an appropriation to reset these structures before cold weather. In this we received the full co-operation of His Honor, the Mayor, and the Board of Aldermen, and an emergency order was passed. The Superintendent engaged a contractor who is equipped for this type of work, and within two weeks all the damage was repaired at a total cost of $935.00.

The Committee wishes to thank the several department heads and others for their co-operation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

The Cemetery Committee

By Wm. J. McClintock

Joseph Cassey

December 31, 1957.

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

To the Cemetery Committee,
Melrose,
Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

The following is the report of the Superintendent of Wyoming Cemetery for the year ending December 31, 1957:

Interments:	
Adults	209
Children, 12 yrs. or under	11
Cremated remains	14
Total for 1957	234
Sale of Lots:	
Sold during the year	30
Total number sold to January 1, 1958	2,670
Sale of Graves:	
Sold during the year	63
Total number sold to January 1, 1958	4,859
Number of Lots under Perpetual Care	1,969
Number of Single Graves under Perpetual Care	3,299
Number of Lots available for sale January 1, 1958, Regular, Sections D, H and 2	23
Number of Lots available for sale January 1, 1958, in Sections 4 and 5	168
Old Lots placed in Perpetual Care	4

Respectfully submitted,

Howard O. Milton

Superintendent.

DETAILS OF APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERS AND EXPENDITURES
CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Year Ending December 31, 1957

Accounts	Appropriations and Transfers		Expenditures	Unexpended Balance To Revenue of 1957	Unexpended Balance To Lot & Gr. Fund	Unexpended Balance To 1958
Maintenance: Salaries & Wages	$38,320.14					
Order 12203-A	2,570.88					
Order 12203-D	38.33	$40,929.35	$39,036.81	$ 1,892.54		
Maintenance: Other Expenses		6,700.00	6,694.53	5.47		
Road Construction: Balance from 1956		1,495.44				$ 1,495.44
Pond Filling and Draining: Balance from 1956		548.80				548.80
Grave Liners	$ 1,500.00					
Order 12401	597.90					
Order 12401-A	408.00	2,505.90	2,505.90			
Trees and Landscaping:						
Balance from 1956	$ 57.00					
Order 12293	200.00	257.00				257.00
Out of State Travel		150.00		150.00		
New Truck and Blade Plow		3,000.00	2,995.30	4.70		
Garage Heating System		1,200.00	945.00		$ 255.00	
Water Service, Section 5		416.16	416.16			
Dump Truck Equipment		160.00	160.00			
Loam		300.00	151.50			148.50
Replacing Overturned Stones		2,000.00	935.00	1,065.00		
		$59,662.65	$53,840.20	$ 3,117.71	$ 255.00	$ 2,449.74
Cemetery Trust Fund, Income Account:						
Balance from 1956	$ 64.68					
Income, 1957	9,117.95	$ 9,182.63				
Pay rolls	$ 9,085.60					
Bills	14.00		$ 9,099.60			
Balance						$ 83.03

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES

Receipts for Departmental Expenditures:		
Appropriations and Transfers	$59,662.65	
Cemetery Trust Fund, Income Account	9,182.63	$68,845.28
Departmental Expenditures:		
From Appropriations and Transfers	$53,840.20	
From Cemetery Trust Fund, Income Account	9,099.60	
Unexpended Balance:		
To Revenue of 1957	3,117.71	
To Lot & Grave Sales Fund	255.00	
To 1958: Appropriation Accounts	$ 2,449.74	
Cemetery Trust Fund, Income A/c	83.03	2,532.77	$68,845.28
Total Net Cash Receipts	$30,975.36	
Credits, Cemetery Trust Fund, Income Account	9,117.95	$40,093.31
Net Expenditures: Appropriation Accounts	$48,237.24	
Cemetery Trust Fund, Income Account	9,099.60	$57,336.84
Expenditures over Receipts		$17,243.53
Total Pay roll: Maintenance: Salaries & Wages	$39,036.81	
Cemetery Trust Fund, Income Account	9,085.60	$48,122.41

CASH RECEIPTS

Interments		$ 6,195.00
Foundations		1,468.56
Lot Sales	$ 3,766.95	
Less Refunds	135.00	3,631.95
Grave Sales	$ 3,225.00	
Less Refunds	180.00	3,045.00
Perpetual Care	$11,947.40	
Less Refunds	285.00	11,662.40
Annual Care		340.45
Miscellaneous		1,470.00
Grave Liners		3,162.00
Total Net Cash Receipts		$30,975.36

REPORT OF THE CITY AUDITOR

To His Honor the Mayor and the Honorable Board of Aldermen:

In compliance with the provisions of Chapter 3, Section 39 of the Revised Ordinances, I herewith submit the annual report of the City Auditor for the year ending December 31, 1957.

I have examined the several trust funds of the Treasurer-Collector and the trust funds of the Trustees of the Public Library together with all securities, coupons and savings accounts in the savings banks and trust companies. All income for the year was accounted for and all expenditures were properly supported by vouchers.

During the fiscal year 1957 all known obligations of the City were paid in full or adequate reserves established to provide for their ultimate payment. All serial loans and short term debt obligations were paid when due. Interest payments on all forms of outstanding debt were promptly made.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur M. Goddard

City Auditor.

FINANCES

The Assessed Valuation of the City		
January 1, 1957		
Real Estate	$46,757,800.00	
Personal Property	3,584,400.00	
	50,342,200.00	
Rate of Taxation per $1,000.00 of Valuation $59.80.		
Appropriations:		
Budget and Revenue Orders	3,933,387.92	
County Tax	132,537.04	
County Tuberculosis Tax	32,206.14	
Metropolitan Park Tax	45,733.00	
Metropolitan Sewer Tax	75,344.24	
Metropolitan Water Tax	58,678.72	
Smoke Inspection Service Tax	620.33	
State Audit of Municipal Accounts Tax	3,271.74	
State Examination of Retirement System	149.71	
State and County Underestimates of 1956	5,380.10	
Overlays for Abatements	64,787.01	
		4,352,095.95
Deduct: Estimated Receipts:		
Income Tax	226,633.09	
Corporations Tax	160,266.15	
Meals Tax for Old Age Assistance	9,210.20	
City Accounts	923,253.61	
State and County Overestimates from 1956	4,257.34	
		1,323,620.39
		3,028,475.56
Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation		
Poll Tax	18,012.00	
Real Estate Tax	2,796,116.44	
Personal Property Tax	214,347.12	
		3,028,475.56

BALANCE SHEET - DECEMBER 31, 1957

Assets

Cash:		
General		$548,002.19
Special - Cemetery- Sale of Lots and Graves		17,910.45
Advances for Petty		
Collector	$150.00	
Park	30.00	
Cemetery	10.00	
School Athletic Program	100.00	
School Lunch Program	150.00	
School Visual Aid Program	50.00	490.00
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1956 - Poll	38.00	
Personal	493.00	
Real	1,990.42	
Levy of 1957 - Poll	116.00	
Personal	2,290.34	
Real	63,110.06	68,037.82
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise		
Levy of 1955	484.83	
1956	2,079.95	
1957	46,943.30	49,508.08
Special Assessments		
Sewer added to Taxes 1956	10.00	
1957	816.60	
Sidewalks added to Taxes 1957	38.00	
Street added to Taxes 1957	519.25	
Committed Interest 1956	.68	
1957	538.80	1,923.33
Tax Titles and Possessions		
Tax Titles	2,414.80	
Tax Title Possessions	17,754.10	20,168.90
Special Taxes		
Estates of Deceased Persons		1,318.19

Liabilities and Reserves

Employees Payroll Deductions		
Federal Withholding Taxes		$27,517.52
Old Age Assistance Recoveries		1,720.38
Tailings		2,313.00
Proceeds of Dog Licenses Due County		45.25
Overestimates 1957:		
State Assessments		1,941.38
Guarantee Deposits:		
Private Sewers	$640.00	
Driveways	155.00	
Water Inside Services	596.00	
Sale of City Possessions	60.00	
Contracts	500.00	1,951.00
Cemetery - Perpetual Care Requests		4,740.00
Trust Funds - Income		
A. C. Marie Currier	12.70	
Andrew J. Burnett Memorial	595.66	
Levi S. Gould	463.89	
Norman F. Hesseltine	35.43	
Community Civics	79.33	
William E. Bailey	776.02	
William E. Barrett	7.52	
Horatio N. Perkins	163.26	
Sarah E. Cheever	911.37	
Cemetery Perpetual Care	83.03	
Cemetery Flower Fund	56.15	
Oscar Frost Cemetery Fund	159.70	
Colburn Memorial Fund	172.50	3,516.56
Unexpended Appropriation Balances		281,506.05
Sale of Tax Title Possessions Fund		3,089.61
Sale of Real Estate Fund		1,280.00
Sale of Cemetery Lots and Graves and Accumulated Income		19,931.45

BALANCE SHEET - DECEMBER 31, 1957

Assets			Liabilities and Reserves		
Departmental:			**Receipts Reserved for Appropriation:**		
Memorial Building Rentals	$723.30		Mt. Hood Memorial Park	$56,190.88	
Police Ambulance	625.40		Library - Fines	2,321.85	
Wire Department	231.11		Duplicate Book	452.11	
Health Department	142.43		Parking Meter-Street	2,902.29	
General Relief	1,852.53		Off Street	1,640.53	$63,507.66
Old Age Assistance	961.63				
Aid to Dependent Children	3,471.50		**Federal Grants:**		
Veterans Services	10,536.02		Old Age-Administration	98.05	
School Department	229.00		Aid to Dependent Children- Administration	999.26	
Cemetery - Perpetual Care	80.00		Disability Assistance - Administration	553.39	
Sale of Lots and Graves	126.00		Assistance - Old Age	463.34	
Public Works - Forestry	544.60		Disability Assistance	857.13	2,971.17
Private Sewer	1,081.70				
Highways Repairing	50.00		**Revenue Reserved Until Collected:**		
Traffic Beacons	466.12		Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	49,508.08	
Driveways	76.60		Tax Title and Possessions	20,168.90	
Individual Walks	240.81		Special Taxes	1,318.19	
Water Inside Services	1,708.00		Special Assessments	1,923.33	
City Hall	50.00	23,196.75	Departmental	23,196.75	
			Water	38,213.51	134,328.76
Water:					
Water Rates	37,554.07		**Reserved for State and County Aid to Highways**		9,679.47
Added to Taxes 1957	659.44	38,213.51			
			Reserved for Petty Cash Advances		490.00
Overlay Deficits					
Levy of 1956		1,467.23	**Overlay Reserve for Abatements:**		
			Levy of 1957		2,721.41
Underestimates 1957					
County Assessments	12,647.90		**Surplus Revenue (Excess and Deficiency)**		265,637.88
State Assessments	1,251.03	13,898.93			
			Reserve Fund - Overlay Surplus		4,283.30
State and County Aid to Highways		9,679.47			
Court Judgments		39,357.00			
		833,171.85			833,171.85

BALANCE SHEET - DECEMBER 31, 1957

Assets			Liabilities and Reserves		
Non Revenue Accounts					
Non Revenue Cash		$3,867.51	Unexpended Balances:	Addition to Winthrop School	$2,580.93
				Fence Beebe School	262.80
				Decius Beebe Sch.Construction	1,023.78
		3,867.51			3,867.51
Deferred Revenue Accounts					
Apportioned Assessments - Not Due			Apportioned Sewer Assessments Revenue		
Sewer	$173,851.16		Due in 1958	$13,500.79	
Sidewalk	22,952.74		1959	13,058.77	
Street	193,830.69	$390,634.59	1960	12,566.60	
			1961	11,836.00	
			1962	11,243.00	
			1963	10,701.00	
			1964	9,976.00	
			1965	9,724.00	
			1966	9,684.00	
			1967	9,664.00	
			1968	9,644.00	
			1969	9,609.00	
			1970	9,599.00	
			1971	9,557.00	
			1972	5,632.00	
			1973	5,595.00	
			1974	4,922.00	
			1975	4,707.00	
			1976	1,775.00	
			1977	857.00	173,851.16
			Apportioned Sidewalk Revenue		
			Due in 1958	3,415.74	
			1959	2,842.00	
			1960	2,409.00	
			1961	2,325.00	
			1962	1,986.00	
			1963	947.00	
			1964	719.00	
			1965	709.00	
			1966	704.00	
			1967	704.00	
			1968	699.00	
			1969	694.00	

BALANCE SHEET - DECEMBER 31, 1957

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves		
	Deferred Revenue Accounts.			
		Apportioned Sidewalk Revenue (Continued)		
		Due in 1970	$694.00	
		1971	678.00	
		1972	653.00	
		1973	653.00	
		1974	653.00	
		1975	653.00	
		1976	549.00	
		1977	206.00	$22,952.74
		Apportioned Street Assessments Revenue		
		Due in 1958	15,198.69	
		1959	14,714.00	
		1960	14,004.00	
		1961	13,868.00	
		1962	13,868.00	
		1963	12,878.00	
		1964	9,034.00	
		1965	9,002.00	
		1966	8,948.00	
		1967	8,889.00	
		1968	8,820.00	
		1969	8,809.00	
		1970	8,776.00	
		1971	8,756.00	
		1972	8,756.00	
		1973	8,740.00	
		1974	8,717.00	
		1975	6,702.00	
		1976	3,837.00	
		1977	1,514.00	$193,830.69
	390,634.59			390,634.59
	Debt Accounts			
Net Funded or Fixed Debt Inside Debt Limit: General		Serial Loans Inside Debt Limit: School Construction		360,000.00
360,000.00				

BALANCE SHEET - DECEMBER 31, 1957

Trust Fund & Investment Accounts.

Assets		Liabilities		
Trust and Investment Funds		In Custody of City Treasurer		
Cash and Securities		Welfare Funds		
In Custody of City Treasurer	$398,380.18	A. C. Marie Currier	$24,738.89	
In Custody of Memorial Building Trustees	5,001.94	Andrew J. Burnett Memorial	2,000.00	
In Custody of Library Trustees	48,977.73	George Emerson	20,739.01	
		School Funds		
		Community Civics	50.00	
		Levi S. Gould	1,000.00	
		Norman F. Hesseltine	100.00	
		Sarah E. Fitch	207.86	
		Mary B. Wing Memorial	272.53	
		Stalker Scholarship	13,542.46	
		Adelaide Colburn Memorial	6,000.00	
		Library Funds		
		William E. Bailey	2,500.00	
		William E. Barrett	75.00	
		Horatio W. Perkins	500.00	
		Park Funds		
		Sarah A. Chever	1,500.00	
		Memorial Building Funds		
		John C. F. Slayton Organ	10,000.00	
		Cemetery Funds		
		Perpetual Care	306,357.35	
		Samuel Daniel Perpetual Care	100.00	
		Wyoming Cemetery Flowers	3,419.25	
		Oscar F. Frost	1,184.63	
		Other Funds		
		Stabilization	4,031.32	
		200th Anniversary	61.88	$398,380.18
		In Custody of Memorial Building Trustees		
		John C. F. Slayton Organ Fund Income	5,001.94	5,001.94
		In Custody of Library Trustees		
		Sarah A. Chever	816.30	
		Jabez Dyer	1,154.84	
		Sarah E. Odlin	2,138.09	
		Stephen C. Deering	522.90	
		Felix A. Gendrot	43,800.56	
		Lizzie T. P. Smith	545.04	48,977.73
	452,359.85			452,359.85

CASH STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1957

Cash, January 1, 1957		
Revenue	$410,438.27	
Non Revenue	118,660.45	$529,098.72
Add: Receipts in 1957		
Taxes	2,972,158.30	
Estimated Receipts Account per Schedule	1,431,496.45	
Tax Titles Redeemed	1,385.68	
Tax Titles Possessions Sales	1,468.30	
State and County Aid for Highways, Chap. 90	61,017.73	
State Aid for Highways, Chap. 718	56,380.00	
Temporary Loans	1,400,000.00	
County Dog Grant for Library	2,801.61	
Tailings	726.29	
Dog License Collection for County	3,640.85	
Trust Fund Receipts	1,836.68	
Cemetery Trust Funds	9,261.80	
Mt. Hood Memorial Park Receipts	37,175.01	
Library - Fines and Duplicate Book Receipts	4,883.22	
Parking Meter Fees - Street	8,406.66	
Off Street	3,193.44	
Sale of Lots and Graves	6,676.95	
Perpetual Care Receipts	11,662.40	
Federal Grants for Welfare and Recovery	195,922.39	
State Grants for School Construction	67,093.51	
Guarantee Deposits	6,293.11	
Withholding Tax Deductions	317,463.58	
School Lunch Receipts and Grants	84,146.86	
School Physical Education Receipts	6,455.92	
School Adult Education - Receipts and Grants	700.00	
From Stabilization Fund-Construction	96,735.90	
Miscellaneous	1,788.48	
Receipts Applied to Refunds	18,179.39	
Payments Applied to Refunds	7,843.45	
From Sale of Lots for Cemetery	5,276.16	
		6,822,070.12
		7,351,168.84
Deduct: Expenditures per Schedule		6,799,299.14
Cash: December 31, 1957		
Revenue	548,002.19	
Non Revenue	3,867.51	
		551,869.70

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CITY AUDITOR

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Year Ending December 31, 1957

Income Tax		
Chapter 70, (School)	$153,485.66	
State Apportionment	71,549.55	$225,035.21
Corporation Tax	215,163.51	215,163.51
Old Age Meal Tax	9,923.33	9,923.33
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise		
Levy of 1953	2.35	
1954	141.83	
1955	368.35	
1956	60,802.86	
1957	299,070.80	360,386.19
Licenses and Permits		
City Clerk - Garage	1,977.50	
Marriage	606.00	
Miscellaneous	707.00	
State - Peddlers	50.00	
Health-Milk, Cream, etc.	278.00	
Mayor - Amusement	75.00	
Building	1,272.50	
Gas	150.00	
Plumbing	959.00	
Fire	28.00	
Police	111.50	6,214.50
Fines	754.98	754.98
Special Assessments		
Sewer - Paid in Advance	9,987.26	
1955	13.00	
1956	895.41	
1957	12,584.63	23,480.30
Sidewalk - Paid in Advance	3,673.14	
1956	96.00	
1957	3,507.69	7,276.83
Street - Paid in Advance	20,882.50	
1956	605.24	
1957	13,751.55	35,239.29
Farm Animal Excise		8.10
General Government		
Auditor	3.35	
Treasurer-Collector,--Costs	777.70	
Tax Title Costs	18.00	
Mortage Liens	944.00	
Betterment Releases	20.00	
Receipts	1,000.00	
Paraplegic Veterans	861.12	
City Clerk - Mortgages	2,260.50	
Miscellaneous Receipts	955.58	
Fees	542.40	
Board of Appeal	220.00	
Election and Registration	575.00	
Planning Board	30.00	
Public Works	1,241.46	
Property Valuation Board	37.27	
Taxes on Estates	1,427.22	
City Hall Rentals	460.00	11,373.60
Protection of Persons and Property		
Police - Ambulance Receipts	1,758.95	
Miscellaneous Receipts	20.00	
Fire - Miscellaneous Receipts	14.25	
Weights and Measures	233.80	
Forestry -	1,673.87	
Care of Dogs	645.00	
Building and Miscellaneous Receipts	17.05	4,362.92

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS (Continued)

Year Ending December 31, 1957

Health and Sanitation		
Health - Miscellaneous	$348.00	
Bus Fares	274.75	
Private Sewer	11,300.07	
Health	1,205.77	$13,128.59
Highways		
Highway Repairing	304.61	
Traffic Beacons	230.10	
Driveways	3,405.48	
Individual Walks	1,359.99	5,300.18
Charities		
General Relief	5,668.11	
Aid to Dependent Children	9,904.96	
Disability Assistance	17,843.40	33,416.47
Old Age		
Recovery	9,980.34	
Old Age Assistance	176,821.11	186,801.45
Veterans Benefits		
Receipts	250.00	
Veterans Benefits	17,632.22	17,882.22
School		
Rentals	130.00	
Miscellaneous Receipts	4,543.12	
English Speak. - State	6.00	
Vocational Education	3,662.94	
Tuition	12,397.31	20,739.37
Library	52.36	52.36
Recreation		
Memorial Building	3,971.20	
Recreation	117.51	
Park	45.56	4,134.27
Public Service		
Water Rates	193,822.81	
Water Added 1956	723.75	
" " 1957	11,338.38	
Water Inside Service	6,645.89	
Hydrant Rental	11,300.00	223,830.83
Cemeteries		
Miscellaneous Receipts	12,295.56	
Care of Lots	340.45	12,636.01
Interest - Taxes		
Taxes	1,811.50	
Assessment	35.22	
Motor Vehicle Excise	464.95	
Tax Titles	108.16	
Committed Interest 1955	4.97	
1956	650.21	
1957	1289.93	14,355.94
Total		1,431,496.45

CITY AUDITOR

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR
ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1957

	Available	Expended	Reserved For Expenditure	To Excess & Deficiency.
General Government				
Aldermen				
Salary of Clerk	$2,737.43	$2,737.43		
Other Expenses	2,800.00	2,482.28	$210.00	$107.72
Mayor				
Salaries and Wages	7,630.22	7,604.14		26.08
Other Expenses	1,600.00	1,584.15		15.85
Out of State Travel	150.00	150.00		
Beebe School Dedication	200.00	172.65		27.35
War Memorial Maintenance	100.00	100.00		
Auditor				
Salaries and Wages	15,029.38	14,845.92		183.46
Other Expenses	1,261.00	1,211.90	40.00	9.10
Out of State Travel	150.00	150.00		
Treasurer-Collector				
Salaries and Wages	24,339.34	24,090.39		248.95
Other Expense	6,800.00	6,501.47		298.53
Land Court Procedure	50.00	29.32		20.68
Certification of Bonds	451.82	451.82		
Assessors				
Salaries and Wages	17,561.18	17,440.04		121.14
Other Expenses	3,475.62	3,402.01		73.61
Out of State Travel	150.00	150.00		
City Clerk				
Salaries and Wages	16,590.18	16,419.27		170.91
Other Expense	1,150.00	1,091.80		58.20
Vital Statistics	475.00	402.13		72.87
Out of State Travel	150.00			150.00
City Physician				
Other Expense	100.00			100.00
City Solicitor				
Salaries and Wages	4,388.00	4,388.00		
Other Expense	300.00	207.09	22.50	70.41
Suits and Claims	300.00	167.50		132.50
Office Expense	2,750.00	2,750.00		
Election and Registration				
Salaries and Wages	8,824.54	8,582.87		241.67
Other Expenses	5,675.00	5,112.20	230.00	332.80
Personnel Board				
Salary - Secretary	1,819.51	1,819.51		
Other Expense	602.50	476.04		126.46
Planning Board				
Salaries and Wages	631.50	531.28	68.40	31.82
Other Expense	267.03	193.81		73.22
Fiscal Plan of Melrose	1,000.00		1,000.00	
Print Revised Regulations	165.00		165.00	
Office Equipment	63.00			63.00
Board of Appeal				
Salaries and Wages	294.00	294.00		
Other Expense	150.00	142.59		7.41
Property Valuation Board				
Other Expense	627.85	138.67	489.18	

General Government (Continued)	Available	Expended	Reserved For Expenditure	To Excess & Deficiency
Fence Viewers				
Other Expenses	$15.00			$15.00
Public Works				
Salaries and Wages	26,307.25	$26,170.10		137.15
Other Expense	2,075.00	2,023.40	$8.95	42.65
Vacations	13,179.20	12,539.96		639.24
Holidays	10,144.64	9,196.67		947.97
City Yard Improvements	5,049.07	4,731.24		317.83
New Equipment	30,165.00	29,722.55		442.45
Overhead Expense	232.20*	3,412.38**	526.95	2,653.23
Sick Leave	8,016.69	6,525.96		1,490.73
Parking Meter Maintenance	6,126.72	5,617.68	66.70	442.34A
Parking Area Rentals	322.92	322.92		
Replace Mechanism in Parking Meters	675.00	665.00		10.00
Install Meters, Parking Areas	6,321.64	5,911.06		410.58
Out of State Travel	42.20	42.20		
Engineers				
Salaries and Wages	23,405.29	22,866.55		538.74
Other Expense	1,700.00	1,558.12		141.88
City Hall				
Salaries and Wages	7,353.80	6,813.60		540.20
Other Expense	8,800.00	7,545.50	1,016.00	238.50
Memorial Building				
Salaries and Wages	7,140.80	6,607.67		533.13
Other Expenses	6,200.00	5,326.50	483.00	390.50
Remodel Lobby	7,500.00	1,095.65	3,800.00	2,604.35
Total General Government	301,117.12	277,690.23	8,126.68	15,300.21
Protection of Persons and Property				
Police				
Salaries and Wages	224,210.89	223,646.56		564.33
Other Expenses	4,300.00	4,192.51		107.49
Equipment and Repairs	6,750.00	6,645.72		104.28
Indemnification	100.00	92.42		7.58
Parking Meter Maintenance	6,732.62	6,717.76		14.86A
Maintenance of Buildings	6,687.56	6,290.32		397.24
School Traffic Supervisors	13,830.30	13,568.01		262.29
Uniforms	2,000.00	1,730.60		269.40
Out of State Travel	150.00	148.22		1.78
New Cruisers	5,000.00	4,953.20		46.80
Two Way Radio Equipment	1,800.00	1,758.68		41.32
Fire Department				
Salaries and Wages	236,709.60	233,520.53		3,189.07
Other Expenses	3,700.00	3,698.29		1.71
Equipment and Repairs	6,137.48	6,130.95		6.53
Repairs to Buildings	2,000.00	1,910.76		89.24
Fuel and Light	4,200.00	4,132.65		67.35
Paint Ladder #1	1,505.50		1,505.50	
Hydrant Rentals	11,300.00	11,300.00		
New Hose	2,358.00	2,339.60		18.40
Out of State Travel	150.00			150.00
New Pumping Engine	20,000.00	7.34	19,992.66	
New Car - Chief	2,350.00	2,348.25		1.75
Indemnification	489.05	489.05		
Install Oil Burner	1,200.00	1,183.07		16.93
Building Department				
Salaries and Wages	13,415.08	12,893.33		521.75
Other Expenses	1,050.00	1,031.37		18.63

	Available	Expended	Reserved For Expenditure	To Excess & Deficiency
Protection of Persons and Property (Continued)				
Wire Department				
Salaries and Wages	$14,057.96	$13,501.47		$556.49
Other Expenses	250.00	244.08		5.92
Police Signals	1,500.00	1,492.97		7.03
Fire Alarms	3,000.00	2,964.13		35.87
Civil Defense				
Other Expense	2,950.27	2,909.16	$41.11	
Salaries and Wages	835.80	766.49		69.31
Weights and Measures				
Salaries and Wages	1,471.15	1,451.73		19.42
Other Expense	550.00	256.53	145.00	148.47
Forestry-				
Care of Trees	31,041.78	29,554.22	230.00	1,257.56
Dog Officer				
Salaries and Wages	703.25	703.20		.05
Other Expense	500.00	473.32		26.68
Total Protection of Persons and Property	634,986.29	605,046.49	21,914.27	8,025.53
Health and Sanitation				
Health Department				
Salaries and Wages	7,285.06	7,208.35		76.71
Other Expense	1,767.00	1,754.01		12.99
Tuberculosis	3,500.00	2,417.33		1,082.67
School Physicians	1,758.75	1,758.60		.15
Public Health Nurses	12,684.96	12,621.30		63.66
Inspector of Animals	791.75	791.70		.05
Sanitary Inspector	4,944.25	4,885.98		58.27
Quarantine and Contagious Diseases	300.00	280.07		19.93
Care and Disposal of Stray Animals	610.00	610.00		
Immunization of Dogs	350.00	309.88		40.12
Transportation of Children to Dental Clinic	748.00	738.00		10.00
Dental Clinic-Administration Expense	906.50	896.45		10.05
Dental Clinic-Salaries and Wages	8,794.22	7,822.79		971.43
Care of Premature Babies	800.00	756.00		44.00
Laboratory and Educational Expense	350.00	336.52		13.48
Mosquito Suppression	2,500.00	2,378.76		121.24
Polio Clinic	300.00	120.00		180.00
Influenza Inoculation for City Employees	1,000.00	229.69		770.31
Sanitation				
Sewer and Surface Drain Construction	17,824.93	17,796.97		27.96
Test Borings-Upham Park	1,999.20			1,999.20
Drain Pipe - Glen St.	491.15	230.45		260.70
Sewer Maintenance	13,933.81	13,826.07	34.21	73.53
Sewer Construction	14,992.00	8,282.18		6,709.82
Private Sewers	12,271.73	12,228.54		43.19
Sewer Connections		358.06**		358.06
Surface Drain Maintenance	20,872.70	20,870.64		2.06

	Available	Expended	Reserved For Expenditure	To Excess & Deficiency
Health and Sanitation (Continued)				
Sanitation (Continued)				
Collection of Ashes	$49,702.65	$47,369.51		$2,333.14
Dump Development Broadway	10,000.00	9,302.84	$697.16	
Collection of Garbage	32,000.00	31,869.34		130.66
Street Cleaning	16,624.96	16,622.77		2.19
Total Health and Sanitation	240,103.62	223,956.68	731.37	15,415.57
Highways				
Highway Repairing	35,495.36	34,750.72	570.50	174.14
Chapter 718 - Repairing	45,130.00	42,920.59	2,209.41	
Traffic Signs & Markings	5,693.93	5,690.22		3.71
Traffic Survey	100.00	98.68		1.32
Highway Construction	105,953.32	69,081.29	35,122.26	1,749.77
Chapter 90 Construction	98,917.19	89,671.72	9,245.47	
Edgestones -Washington St.	12,000.00	9,919.18	1,310.20	770.62
Chapter 91 Construction	6,000.00	5,187.34	812.66	
Parking Area-Larrabee Pl.	2,406.74	2,401.92		4.82
Individual Walks	4,177.22	2,156.99		2,020.23
Driveways	4,122.64	3,307.10		815.54
Repair of Walks	14,482.24	12,947.54	1,469.94	64.76
Continuous Walks	9,774.50	4,961.35	1,010.48	3,802.67
Snow Removal	51,510.41	42,421.82		9,088.59
Street Lighting	40,700.00	40,649.79		50.21
Traffic Beacons	3,100.00	2,919.94		180.06
Traffic Beacon-Main and Upham Sts.	4,100.00	4,077.00		23.00
Automotive - Salaries and Wages	1,538.33	1,538.33		
Automotive - Expense	2,500.00	357.51	108.93	2,033.56
Total Highways	447,701.88	375,059.03	51,859.85	20,783.00
Public Welfare				
General Administration	14,505.52	14,505.52		
General Relief	19,000.00	17,674.60		1,325.40
Disability Assistance	29,500.00	26,414.33		3,085.67
Old Age Assistance	236,000.00	235,981.34		18.66
Aid Dependent Children	14,000.00	13,904.66		95.34
Out of State Travel	125.00	125.00		
Total Public Welfare	313,130.52	308,605.45		4,525.07
Veterans Services				
Salaries and Wages	9,622.60	9,521.01		110.59
Other Expense	1,100.00	1,036.12		63.88
Veterans Benefits	32,500.00	32,171.51		328.49
Veterans Burials	150.00			150.00
New Equipment	471.06	471.06		
Armed Forces Records	80.69			80.69
Total Veterans Services	43,924.35	43,190.70		733.65
Education				
Salaries and Wages	1,275,623.07	1,274,936.18		686.89
Other General Expense	12,150.00	11,833.05	105.00	211.95
Textbooks & Supplies	73,970.00	72,423.96	300.80	1,245.24
Plant Maintenance and Operation	138,850.00	138,692.56	87.11	70.33

	Available	Expended	Reserved For Expenditure	To Excess & Deficiency.	
Education (Continued)					
Smith,Hughes, Barden Fund	$179.00	$179.00			
Vocational Adult Education	$8,926.00	$8,534.00	$28.80	$363.20	
Out of State Travel	350.00	194.03		155.97	
School Lunch-Elementary	38,022.80	34,779.95	3,242.85		
High	42,996.44	40,289.31	2,707.13		
Physical Education	29,753.79	20,378.01	9,375.78		
High School Grading	125.66		125.66		
Interior Fire Alarm	570.90	269.84	301.06		
Grading Hesseltine Playground	4,000.00	3,778.83	221.17		
Total Education	1,625,517.66	1,606,288.72	16,495.36	2,733.58	
Library Department					
Salaries and Wages	53,296.11	52,076.88		1,219.23	
Other Expense	2,800.00	2,731.51	30.00	38.49	
Books	11,301.61	11,087.08	135.00	79.53	B
Fuel and Light	1,650.00	1,591.36		58.64	
Building & Janitors Supplies	1,325.00	1,321.08		3.92	
Binding	1,500.00	1,495.44		4.56	
Rent - Highlands	1,800.00	1,795.00		5.00	
Out of State Travel	100.00	100.00			
New Equipment	440.95	438.83		2.12	
Roof Repairs	300.00			300.00	
Renovate Casement Windows	256.61	256.00		.61	
Shelving	2,093.25	2,093.25			
New Plumbing	275.00	275.00			
Back Door	250.00	210.00		40.00	
Renovating Winthrop Sch.	561.37	560.35		1.02	
Total Library	77,949.90	76,031.78	165.00	1,753.12	
Recreation					
Recreation Commission					
Salaries and Wages	8,319.30	8,125.24		194.06	
Other Expense	2,420.00	2,418.57		1.43	
Halloween, 4th July	600.00	502.42		97.58	
Busses	1,980.00	1,980.00			
Gasoline	75.00	44.68		30.32	
Pine Banks Park					
Salaries and Wages	10,628.64	10,602.52		26.12	
Expense	3,000.00	2,917.41	77.50	5.09	
Out of State Travel	75.00			75.00	
Fence Ball Fields	800.00	800.00			
Road Repairs	250.00	249.13		.87	
Lodge Repairs	400.00	400.00			
Lights at Ball Field	3,500.00	3,500.00			
Maintenance of Lights	500.00	491.69		8.31	
Park Department					
General Administration Salaries and Wages	12,195.02	12,080.15		114.87	
All Other Salaries	34,381.40	30,206.23		4,175.17	
Holidays, Labor Vacation	4,915.20	4,116.93		798.27	
Administration-Expense	1,000.00	938.37		61.63	
All Other Expense	8,000.00	7,441.26		558.74	
Christmas Decorations	300.00	130.07		169.93	
Golf Maintenance	31,310.00	24,893.04		6,416.96	C
Recreation Building	8,187.00	6,291.99	150.00	1,745.01	C
Athletic Field	8,378.00	7,773.21		604.79	
Ski Tow	2,050.00	906.47		1,143.53	C

	Available	Expended	Reserved For Expenditure	To Excess & Deficiency.
Recreation (Continued)				
Park Department (Con'd)				
Remodel Bath House	$2,811.71	$2,734.56		$77.15
Gravel Fill	637.12			637.12
Playgrounds and Beach Improvements	239.41	215.34		24.07
Renovate Track	1,000.00			1,000.00
Construct New Rink	428.49			428.49
Out of State Travel	150.00	111.55		38.45
Jungle Gym	500.00	462.00		38.00
New Track	1,700.00	1,684.40		15.60
Conant Playground	3,000.00	2,946.15		53.85
Total Recreation	153,731.29	134,963.38	227.50	18,540.41
Pensions				
Contributory Retirement	50,465.00	50,465.00		
Non Contributory	98,973.77	97,471.97		1,501.80
Total Pensions	149,438.77	147,936.97		1,501.80
Celebrations				
Memorial Day				
Sons of Union Veterans	500.00	323.06		176.94
American Legion	400.00	300.00		100.00
Veterans Foreign Wars	400.00	376.82		23.18
Disabled Veterans	50.00	27.00		23.00
Band	300.00	300.00		
Draftees Recognition	300.00	175.00		125.00
Christmas Lighting				
City Hall	750.00	750.00		
Memorial Building	225.00		225.00	
Main Street	550.00	550.00		
Total Celebrations	3,475.00	2,801.88	225.00	448.12
Unclassified				
Rentals				
Veterans Foreign Wars	700.00	700.00		
Amerigan Legion	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Disabled American Veterans	125.00	109.00		16.00
Amvets	400.00	400.00		
Insurance	23,300.00	17,499.84		5,800.16
Claims	891.25	891.25		
Print City Reports	500.00	495.47		4.53
Ell Pond Improvement	18,000.00	17,979.75		20.25
Stabilization Fund	75,544.43	75,544.43		
Purchase Land - Hesseltine Ave.	2,620.00			2,620.00
Land Takings				
Faulkner Place	4,993.37		4,993.37	
Winthrop School	2,344.98	1,650.00	694.98	
898 Main Street	1,250.00			1,250.00
Faulkner Place	92.15		92.15	
Larrabee Place	93.15		93.15	
N. W. of Broadway	6,375.00			6,375.00
School Construction				
Horace Mann School	14,316.99	14,224.61	92.38	
Demolish Gooch School	5,000.00	3,039.25	1,960.75	

	Available	Expended	Reserved For Expenditure	To Excess & Deficiency.
Unclassified (Continued)				
School Construction (Cont'd)				
Plans and Sketches	$2,500.00		$2,500.00	
Roosevelt School	200,000.00	36,894.98	163,105.02	
Court Judgment-		39,357.00	39,357.00	
Total Unclassified	360,046.32	209,785.58	134,174.80	16,085.94
Public Service Enterprises				
Water Maintenance	78,452.92	73,389.95	3,919.01	1,143.96
Water Construction	33,820.92	33,408.50		412.42
New Water Meters	2,500.00	1,300.50	1,080.28	119.22
Water Inside Service	7,740.60	7,555.14		185.46
Total Public Service Enterprises	122,514.44	115,654.09	4,999.29	1,861.06
Cemetery				
Salaries and Wages	40,929.35	39,036.81		1,892.54
Other Expense	6,700.00	6,694.53		5.47
Grave Liners	2,505.90	2,505.90		
Drain and Fill Pond	548.80		548.80	
Road Construction	1,495.44		1,495.44	
Purchase New Truck	3,160.00	3,155.30		4.70
New Heating System	1,200.00	945.00	255.00	
Trees & Landscaping	257.00		257.00	
Out of State Travel	150.00			150.00
Water Service	416.16	416.16		
Loam	300.00	151.50	148.50	
Resetting Stones	2,000.00	935.00		1,065.00
Total Cemetery	59,662.65	53,840.20	2,704.74	3,117.71
Municipal Indebtedness	120,000.00	120,000.00		
Interest				
Temporary Notes	17,848.18	17,041.55		806.63
Bonds	5,880.00	5,880.00		
Total Interest	23,728.18	22,921.55		806.63
Bills Payable	12,979.37	10,477.48	445.19	2,056.70

Miscellaneous	
Temporary Loans	1,400,000.00
County Dog Tax	3,608.20
County Tax	145,184.94
County Tuberculosis Tax	32,206.14
State Taxes	183,107.39
Trust Funds	1,836.92
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	9,099.60
Library Duplicate Book Fund	748.12
Paid to Fund: Sale of Lots	6,164.95
Perpetual Care	8,227.40
Withholding Taxes	313,887.45
From Federal Grants:	
Administration	13,415.41
Old Age Assistance	172,102.68
Aid Dependent Children	16,694.64
Disability Assistance	11,895.90

	Available	Expended	Reserved For Expenditure	To Excess & Deficiency.
Miscellaneous (Continued)				
Refunds:				
Abated Taxes		$14,567.02		
Deposits		6,053.41		
Other		3,612.37		
Payments Applied to Refunds		7,843.45		
Total Miscellaneous		2,350,255.99		
Non Revenue				
Winthrop School Addition	$2,585.06	4.13	$2,580.93	
Fence-Beebe School	262.80		262.80	
Beebe School Construction	115,812.59	114,788.81	1,023.78	
Total Non Revenue	118,660.45	114,792.94	3,867.51	

* Debit

** Credit

A To Parking Meter Receipts

B To Library Fines

C To Mt. Hood Receipts

RECAPITULATION	Available	Expended	Reserved For Expenditure	To Excess & Deficiency
General Government	301,117.12	277,690.23	8,126.68	15,300.21
Protection of Persons and Property	634,986.29	605,046.49	21,914.27	8,025.53
Health & Sanitation	240,103.62	223,956.68	731.37	15,415.57
Highways	447,701.88	375,059.03	51,859.85	20,783.00
Public Welfare	313,130.52	308,605.45		4,525.07
Veterans Services	43,924.35	43,190.70		733.65
Education	1,625,517.66	1,606,288.72	16,495.36	2,733.58
Library	77,949.90	76,031.78	165.00	1,753.12
Recreation	153,731.29	134,963.38	227.50	18,540.41
Pensions	149,438.77	147,936.97		1,501.80
Celebrations	3,475.00	2,801.88	225.00	448.12
Unclassified	360,046.32	209,785.58	134,174.80	16,085.94
Public Service	122,514.44	115,654.09	4,999.29	1,861.06
Cemetery	59,662.65	53,840.20	2,704.74	3,117.71
Municipal Indebtedness	120,000.00	120,000.00		
Interest	23,728.18	22,921.55		806.63
Bills Payable	12,979.37	10,477.48	445.19	2,056.70
Miscellaneous		2,350,255.99		
Non Revenue	118,660.45	114,792.94	3,867.51	
	4,808,667.81	6,799,299.14	245,936.56	113,688.10

WHERE THE MONEY CAME FROM TO OPERATE CITY OF MELROSE IN 1957

Taxes:	Real	$2,796,116.44	
	Personal	214,347.12	
	Poll	18,012.00	
			$3,028,475.56
Motor Vehicle Excise			303,930.46
State:	Income Tax	226,633.09	
	Corporation Tax	160,266.15	
	Meal Tax	9,210.20	
	Overestimates of 1956	4,257.34	
	Old Age Assistance	170,404.64	
	Other Charity	35,958.11*	
	Veterans Services	14,299.61	
	School Lunches	31,084.29	
	Highway Chapter 90	53,667.19	
	Highway Chapter 718	56,380.00	
	School Construction	67,093.51	
			829,254.13
Federal Grants for Welfare			214,108.63
Public Service - Water			227,354.18
Special Assessments			63,383.13
Appropriations:			
	Free Cash	211,747.37	
	Parking Meter Fees	11,455.54	
	Mt. Hood Receipts	41,547.00	
	Library - Fines	4,786.37	
	Dog Tax	2,801.61	
	Sale of Lots	5,276.16	
	Stabilization Fund	96,735.90	
	Miscellaneous	1,846.41	
			376,196.36
Receipts:			
	School Lunches	53,062.57	
	Physical Education	6,455.92	
	Adult Education	700.00	
	Perpetual Care Income	9,099.60	
	Departmental	87,122.99	
	Interest	12,227.19	
	Licenses, Permits and Fines	8,573.30	
			177,241.57
Reserved for Expenditure from 1956			111,979.60
Total			5,331,923.62

*Includes some from Cities and Towns

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK

January 31, 1958

To His Honor, the Mayor, and
the Honorable Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The report of the City Clerk's Department for the year 1957 follows:

The amounts received by the City Clerk for fees for official services from January 1, 1957, to December 31, 1957, were as follows:-

For recording and indexing fishing, hunting, sporting and trapping licenses	$ 153.25
For recording and indexing dog licenses	389.15
For recording marriage certificates	606.00
For licenses to keep and store gasoline and other inflammable materials, and for filing certificates of registration of such licenses	2,014.50
For miscellaneous licenses	737.00
For copies of records, etc.	955.58
For recording and indexing mortgages of personal property and other instruments	2,340.50
Total Receipts	$ 7,195.98
Less refunds	67.00
Total net receipts paid into City Treasury	$ 7,128.50

The sum of $4,030.00 has been received by this department for dog licenses issued from January 1, 1957, to December 31, 1957, inclusive, in the following numbers and amounts:-

For 879 male dogs at $2.00 each	$ 1,758.00
*For 118 female dogs at $5.00 each	585.00
*For 832 spayed female dogs at $2.00 each	1,662.00
For 1 kennel license at $25	25.00
Total received for dog licenses	$ 4,030.00

* One female dog license and one spayed female dog license were issued without charge for seeing-eye dogs.

Of the above amount received for dog licenses, $3,640.85 was paid to the County of Middlesex, and $389.15, representing Clerk's fees, has been paid into the City Treasury.

CITY CLERK

The sum of $2,028.75 has been received for fishing, hunting, sporting and trapping licenses issued from January 1, 1957, to December 31, 1957, inclusive, in the following numbers and amounts:-

Resident Citizen Fishing licenses, 321 at $3.25 each ...	$ 1,043.25
Resident Citizen Hunting licenses, 133 at $3.25 each ...	432.25
Resident Citizen Sporting licenses, 68 at $5.25 each ...	357.00
Resident Citizen Minor Fishing licenses, 35 at $1.25 each	43.75
Resident Citizen Female Fishing licenses, 50 at $2.25 each	112.50
Resident Citizen Trapping license, 3 at $7.75 each	23.25
Special Non-Resident Fishing license, 2 at $2.75 each ..	5.50
Non-Resident Citizen or Alien Fishing licenses, 1 at $7.75 each	7.75
Duplicate licenses, 7 at $.50 each	3.50
Resident Citizen (over 70) Sporting licenses - 41 (free)	00.00
Total	$ 2,028.75

Of the above amount, $1,875.50 has been paid to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Division of Fisheries and Game, and the balance of $153.25, representing Clerk's fees, has been paid into the City Treasury.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births Recorded

Children born in Melrose of Melrose parents	335
Children born outside of Melrose of Melrose parents	196
Children born in Melrose of non-resident parents	984
Total number of births recorded	1,515

Marriages Recorded

Both parties resident and solemnized in Melrose	61
Both parties resident and solemnized elsewhere in state.	17
Both parties resident and solemnized out of state	1
One party resident and solemnized in Melrose	100
One party resident and solemnized elsewhere in state ...	120
One party resident and solemnized out of state	11
Both parties non-resident and solemnized in Melrose	5
Total number of marriages recorded	315

Deaths Recorded

Melrose residents occurring in Melrose	206
Melrose residents occurring elsewhere	87
Non-residents occurring in Melrose	144
Non-residents occurring elsewhere and buried in Melrose.	5
Total number of deaths recorded	442

Raymond H. Greenlaw

Raymond H. Greenlaw, City Clerk

REPORT OF THE CITY TREASURER AND COLLECTOR

The Honorable Mayor and
Board of Aldermen
City Hall, Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report as City Treasurer and Collector for the year 1957.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Homer Buttrick
City Treasurer-Collector

CITY TREASURER
CASH STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR 1957

Cash in Bank and Office, January 1, 1957	$ 529,098.72
Receipts, January 1, 1957 to December 31, 1957	6,822,070.12
	$ 7,351,168.84
Payments, January 1, 1957 to December 31, 1957	$ 6,799,299.14
Balance, Cash in Bank and Office, December 31, 1957	551,869.70
	$ 7,351,168.84

LOANS IN ANTICIPATION OF TAXES

Authorized by Aldermanic Order #12154	$ 1,400,000.00
Notes paid in 1957	1,400,000.00
Balance due in 1958	$ 000.00
Rate of discount, average	1.97%

TAX TITLE ACCOUNT

Balance, January 1, 1957	$2,893.40	
Added during 1957	1,354.73	
		$ 4,248.13
Redemptions and Foreclosures	$1,833.33	
Balance, December 31, 1957	2,414.80	
		$ 4,248.13

CITY TREASURER AND COLLECTOR

FUNDS HELD BY THE CITY TREASURER

CEMETERY TRUST FUND

	CASH	SECURITIES	TOTAL
In fund, January 1, 1957	$ 27,635.90	$ 268,749.00	$ 296,384.90
In fund, December 31, 1957	23,619.55	280,749.00	304,368.55

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

City of Melrose, Collections		$ 8,227.40	
Securities called or sold		18,000.00	
Cash on hand, January 1, 1957			
Savings Bank	$ 25,700.00		
Melrose Trust Company	1,935.90	27,635.90	$ 53,863.30

PAYMENTS

Securities Purchased:

Peabody Cooperative Bank	$ 6,000.00	
Melrose Cooperative Bank	4,000.00	
Stoneham Cooperative Bank	4,000.00	
New Jersey Bell Telephone & Telegraph	5,000.00	
Premiums Paid	243.75	
Cash on hand, December 31, 1957		
Savings Banks	$ 28,129.00	
Melrose Trust Company	6,490.55	34,619.55	$ 53,863.30

INCOME ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

Balance, January 1, 1957	$ 771.75	
Income from Securities	10,578.74	$ 11,350.49

PAYMENTS

Interest paid on Securities purchased	$ 125.02	
Refund on coupons called	108.72	
Melrose Trust Company, Box Rent	10.00	
City of Melrose, Income	9,117.95	
Balance, December 31, 1957	1,988.80	$ 11,350.49

SECURITIES IN FUND

Bank Stocks	$ 27,749.00	
Cooperative Bank Certificates	36,000.00	
Government Bonds	9,000.00	
Railroad Bonds	53,000.00	
Utility Bonds	144,000.00	
Savings Banks	28,129.00	
Cash uninvested	6,490.55	$ 304,368.55

WYOMING CEMETERY FLOWER FUND
(Cemetery Department)

Income received	$ 106.85	
Paid, City of Melrose		$ 106.85
	$ 106.85	$ 106.85

Sale of Lots & Graves

Balance, January 1, 1957	$ 16,520.10	
Collections, 1957	6,164.95	
Income	501.56	
Paid, City of Melrose		$ 5,276.16
Balance, December 31, 1957		17,910.45
	$ 23,186.61	$ 23,186.61

OSCAR F. FROST FUND
(Cemetery Department)
Fund Amount $1184.63

Income received	$ 37.00	
Paid, City of Melrose		$ 37.00
	$ 37.00	$ 37.00

WILLIAM BAILEY LIBRARY FUND
(Melrose Public Library)
Fund Amount $2500.00

Income received	$ 78.13	
Paid, City of Melrose		$ 78.13
	$ 78.13	$ 78.13

WILLIAM EMERSON BARRETT FUND
(Melrose Public Library)
Fund Amount $75.00

Income received	$ 2.35	
Paid, City of Melrose		$ 2.35
	$ 2.35	$ 2.35

HORATIO NELSON PERKINS FUND
(Melrose Public Library)
Fund Amount $500.00

Income received	$ 15.63	
Paid, City of Melrose		$ 15.63
	$ 15.63	$ 15.63

CURRIER FUND
(Welfare Department)

Amount in fund December 31, 1957		$ 24,650.89
Securities:		
Charlestown 5¢ Savings Bank	$ 619.77	
Eliot Savings Bank	647.01	
Malden Savings Bank	829.98	
Melrose Savings Bank	14,487.13	
New York Central Railroad	2,000.00	
19 Shares 1st National Bank	1,067.00	
Virginia Electric Power Company	5,000.00	$ 24,650.89

MELROSE PUBLIC LIBRARY
MELROSE, MASS.

INCOME ACCOUNT

Balance, January 1, 1957	$ 63.82	
Income from investments	884.18	
Paid, City of Melrose		$ 855.00
Melrose Trust Company Box Rent		5.00
Balance, December 31, 1957		88.00
	$ 948.00	$ 948.00

ANDREW J. BURNETT MEMORIAL FUND
(Welfare Department)
Fund Amount $2000.00

Income received	$ 62.50	
Paid, City of Melrose		$ 62.50
	$ 62.50	$ 62.50

MARGARET BAKEMAN WING MEMORIAL AWARD FUND
(School Department)

3 Shares American Telephone & Telegraph Stock

Balance, January 1, 1957	$ 111.89	
Income	10.64	
Paid School Department		$ 5.00
Balance, December 31, 1957		117.53
	$ 122.53	$ 122.53

STALKER SCHOLARSHIP FUND
(School Department)

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Amount in fund, December 31, 1957		$ 13,187.90
Securities:		
Pacific Gas & Electric Company	$ 1,000.00	
American Telephone & Telegraph	3,000.00	
Public Service of New Hampshire	1,000.00	
Arkansas Power & Light Company	2,000.00	
Commonwealth Edison Company	5,000.00	
Montana Power Company	1,000.00	
Melrose Savings Bank	187.90	$ 13,187.90

INCOME ACCOUNT

Receipts		
Balance, January 1, 1957	$ 515.27	
Income from Securities	529.89	
Premium on bonds sold	164.00	
Payments		
School Department, Tuition		$ 600.00
Coupons refunded		90.60
Premiums paid to Capital Account		164.00
Accrued interest paid		99.76
Balance December 31, 1957		254.80
	$ 1,209.16	$ 1,209.16

COMMUNITY CIVICS FUND
(School Department)
Fund Amount $50.00

Income received	$ 1.56	
Paid, City of Melrose		$ 1.56
	$ 1.56	$ 1.56

SARAH E. FITCH FUND
(School Department)

Balance, January 1, 1957	$ 201.52	
Income received	6.34	
Balance, December 31, 1957		$ 207.86
	$ 207.86	$ 207.86

LEVI S. GOULD FUND
(School Department)
Fund Amount $1000.00

Income received	$ 31.25	
Paid, City of Melrose		$ 31.25
	$ 31.25	$ 31.25

NORMAN HESSELTINE FUND
(School Department)
Fund Amount $100.00

Income received	$ 3.13	
Paid, City of Melrose		$ 3.13
	$ 3.13	$ 3.13

ADELAIDE COLBURN MEMORIAL FUND
(School Department)
Fund Amount $6000.00

Income received	$ 172.50	
Paid, City of Melrose		$ 172.50
	$ 172.50	$ 172.50

200TH ANNIVERSARY TOWN OF MELROSE

Balance, January 1, 1957	$ 60.00	
Income received	1.98	
Balance, December 31, 1957		$ 61.98
	$ 61.98	$ 61.98

GEORGE EMERSON FUND

Balance, January 1, 1957	$ 14,072.83	
Income from George Emerson Estate	5,860.06	
Income	506.12	
Paid, City of Melrose		$ 562.75
Balance, December 31, 1957		19,876.26
	$ 20,439.01	$ 20,439.01

CITY TREASURER AND COLLECTOR

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' MEMORIAL BUILDING
($10,000 Corporate Stock - City of New York)

Dividends received	$ 400.00	
Paid John C. F. Slayton Fund		$ 400.00
	$ 400.00	$ 400.00

SARAH E. CHEVER FUND
(Sewall Woods Park)
Fund Amount $1500.00)

Income received	$ 46.88	
Paid, City of Melrose		$ 46.88
	$ 46.88	$ 46.88

STABILIZATION FUND

Balance, January 1, 1957	$ 20,981.43	
Received from City of Melrose	75,544.43	
Income	1,741.36	
Paid, City of Melrose		$ 96,735.90
Balance, December 31, 1957		1,531.32
	$ 98,267.22	$ 98,267.22

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Balance, January 1, 1957	$ 480,000.00	
Bonds paid 1957		$ 120,000.00
Balance due 1958-1960		360,000.00
	$ 480,000.00	$480,000.00

RECEIPTS OF CITY COLLECTOR

TAXES:	1955	Poll	$ 8.00	
		Personal	117.27	
		Real Estate	102.26	$ 227.53
	1956	Poll	20.00	
		Personal	1,916.90	
		Real Estate	70,770.23	72,707.13
	1957	Poll	14,465.00	
		Personal	211,808.61	
		Real Estate	2,682,863.56	2,909,137.17

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE:

1953	2.35	
1954	141.83	
1955	368.35	
1956	61,147.05	
1957	302,768.14	364,427.72

CITY TREASURER AND COLLECTOR

Apportioned Sewer:		
1955 (added to taxes)	$ 13.00	
1956 (added to taxes)	895.41	
1957 (added to taxes)	12,609.63	
1957 (paid in advance)	9,987.26	$ 23,505.30
Apportioned Sidewalk:		
1956 (added to taxes)	$ 96.00	
1957 (added to taxes)	3,507.69	
1957 (paid in advance)	3,673.14	$ 7,276.83
Apportioned Street:		
1956 (added to taxes)	$ 605.24	
1957 (added to taxes)	13,762.24	
1957 (paid in advance)	20,882.50	$ 35,249.98
Water		
1956 (added to taxes)	$ 719.33	
1957 (added to taxes)	11,444.78	$ 12,164.11
WATER RATES GENERAL:		$ 194,026.89
FARM ANIMAL EXCISE:		$ 8.10
COMMITTED INTEREST:		
1955	$ 4.97	
1956	654.63	
1957	11,291.57	$ 11,951.17
GENERAL INTEREST:		
Taxes	$ 1,812.77	
Motor Vehcicle Excise	464.95	
Assessments	35.22	$ 2,312.94
Collector's Receipts:		$ 779.80
Municipal Lien Certificates:		$ 944.00
Betterment Releases:		$ 20.00
Departmental-Accounts Receivable:		
Estate of Deceased Persons:		$ 1,427.22
Health Department - Tuberculosis:		$ 1,205.77
Memorial Building - Rental:		$ 3,996.20
Police Department - Ambulance:		$ 1,758.95

Public Welfare Department:		
Aid to Dependent Children	$ 9,904.96	
Disability Assistance Adm.	17,843.40	
General Relief	5,668.11	
Old Age Assistance	176,821.11	$ 210,237.58
Public Works Department:		
Care of Trees	$ 1,673.87	
City Hall Rental	460.00	
Driveway Deposit	451.62	
Highway Repair	1,975.01	
Hydrant Rental	11,300.00	
Individual Walks	76.01	
Private Sewer	2,588.88	
Traffic Beacons	230.10	
Water Inside Service	1,671.61	$ 20,427.10
School Department:		
Rental	$ 40.00	
Tuition	12,397.31	$ 12,437.31
Veterans Benefits & Service:		$ 17,632.22
		$3,903,861.02

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose 76, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit the annual report of the Melrose Fire Department for the year 1957.

Organization

The Fire Department consists of four companies.

Engine Company #1
Engine Company #2 (Quad)
Engine Company #3
Aerial Ladder #1

Personnel

Chief of Department
5 - Captains
4 - Lieutenants
1 - Acting Master Mechanic
43 - Privates

Equipment

Maxim - 750 gal. pumping engine ..... Installed 1946
Maxim - 750 gal. pumping engine ..... Installed 1946
Maxim - 750 gal. pumping engine ("Quad") .. Installed 1953
Maxim - 750 gal. pumping engine ..... Installed 1929 (obsolete)
Peter - Pirsch Aerial Ladder ..... Installed 1935
Dodge Rescue Truck ..... Installed 1956
Ford ½ ton pick - up Truck ..... Installed 1954
Dodge Chief's car ..... Installed 1957
Boat rescue unit fully equipped
Mack Service Rescue Truck ..... Auxiliary
International - 500 gal. pumper & hose wagon Auxiliary
4 - Trailer hose wagons ..... Auxiliary
Trailer lighting plant ..... Auxiliary
Maxim - 750 gal. pumping engine to be delivered January 20,1958
All apparatus fully equipped with emergency and fire fighting tools.

Hose

Number of feet of 2½ inch hose	10,650
Number of feet of 1½ inch hose	5,400
Number of feet of booster hose	2,000
Number of feet of 2½ inch dump hose	100
Number of feet of 1½ inch dump hose	350

All hose tested at 200 pounds pressure

Hose Condemned 1957

Number of feet of 2½ inch hose	500
Number of feet of 1½ inch hose	500

Alarms and Special Calls

Total number of bell alarms	234
Total number of still alarms	138
Total number of emergency calls	207
Total number of false alarms	30
Apparatus called out of the city	81

Apparatus called out of the city

Malden	38
Wakefield	17
Stoneham	16
Saugus	6
Chelsea	1
Everett	1
Manchester	1
Reading	1

Mutual aid calls to Melrose

Malden	40
Wakefield	23
Stoneham	6
Lynn	1

Inspections

Number of buildings	750
Number of oil burner	610
Number of tank	120
Number of paint, varnish, etc.	75
Number of liquid gas	15
Number of blasting	126
Number of garage	45
Number of incinerator and burning	105

Permits Granted

Storage of oil	320
Class A inflammables	21
Explosives for blasting	27
Liquid - Bottled gas	3

Extinguishers refilled

Soda & Acid	186
Foamite	30
Carbon tet.	42

Special Work

Automobile Accidents	5
Automobile lockouts	5
Automobile fires	64
Baby stopped breathing	1
Boy playing with matches	12
Bomb scare	3
Brush fire	312
Boy in pond	4
Cat in tree	5
Cat on roof	2
Child stuck in pipe	1
Chimney fire	16
Christmas decorations	1
Concrete form	1
Dump fire	8
Defective fireplace	1
Electric heater	24
Electric trouble	14
Flooded cellars	453
False alarms	30
Gasoline leaks	7
Gas leaks	1
Garage fires	5
House lockouts	25
House fires	35
Incinerator fires	15
Investigations	16
Mutual aid	81
Motor fires	6
Mail box	1
Moved patient at Fitch Home	1
Oil leak	8
Oil burner	34
Oil in street	6
Oven fire	14
Overheated boiler	5
Pole fire	4
Remove antenna from roof	2
Replace flag pole rope	4
Remove woman to hospital	3
Remove loose slate	1
Remove tree limb	1
Railroad ties	1
Resuscitator & Inhalator	29
Rubbish	31
Refrigerator leak	15
Rope off sidewalk	2
Replace skylight on roof	1
Remove boy to hospital	1
Remove man to hospital	2
Steam system flooded	2
Street bombs	24
Sprinkler leaks	10
Store fires	5
Steam leak	2

Special Work (con.)

Train Wreck	1
Tree fire	1
Transformer in TV	3
Water Leak	16
Wires down	11
Water heater	3
Water main broken	4

Equipment Used

Number of feet of 2½ inch hose laid	34,900
Number of feet of 1½ inch hose laid	29,650
Number of feet of ladders raised	1,684
Number of covers used	45
Number of pounds of CO2 used	64
Number of hours lighting plant used	31
Resuscitator - Inhalator used	19
Number of tanks of oxygen used	39
Gas Masks	11
Red cross heart mask	3
Smoke ejector	16
Pounds of oil dry	106
Rubber gloves	10
portable pumps hours used	50
wire cutters	10
Total pumping hours of apparatus	155
Scott air packs	30
Feet of wire used	825
Stretcher	6
Gas indicator	4
Lights	10
Refrigerator dolly	5
Tanks kits	3
Door opener	8
Boat	2

Fire Loss Buildings & Contents

Number of Buildings Damaged	35
Value of Buildings	174,100.00
Insurance on Buildings	566,366.00
Loss on Buildings	57,157.00
Insurance Paid on Buildings	57,157.00
Value of Contents	24,500.00
Insurance on Contents	51,083.00
Loss on Contents	16,309.00
Insurance Paid on Contents	16,309.00
Total fire loss - Building s & Contents	$ 73,466.00

Emergency Calls

During the year of 1957, the department was called upon to perform many extra emergencies. The first of which was the Forest Fire emergency call to Manchester, Massachusetts. The entire department plus the Auziliary personnel responded for a period of two days and nights. The second was Forest Fire Emergency in Middlesex Fells Reservation. For eight days & nights the regular personnel and Auxiliary plus many civilians worked a very serious woods fire. The third was the Forest Fire Emergency call to Saugus. For a period of three days and nights the department assisted the Saugus department. The Forest Fire Emergency Covered the entire summer of 1957. Do to the combine willingness of all personnel to devote extra hours of duty emergencies were quickly and efficiently handled.

Fire Prevention Program

The fire prevention program was continued throughout 1957 with very successful results. An added feature of this program was the detailing by the chief of the department a captain and Lieutenant to each school in the city to give lectures and demonstrations of fire prevention and fire protection during fire prevention week. A special fire prevention and fire protection program was initiated in our industrial plants, especially those involving electronics. This type of occupancies required a special and detailed program.

Civil Defense Program

This report would be sadly lacking if acknowledgment of the assistance by the Civil Defense Auxiliary Fire Department during the past year were to be omitted. Space does not permit an adequate account of the activities of this group which has not only trained itself to an amazingly high pitch of efficiency, but has willingly, spontaneously and without urging, volunteered its services without thought of recompense on every occasion it could be helpful, and there have been many.The first of which was the response of the Auxiliary department the night of January 13th to the general alarm fire of the Hopkins Confectionery and Ice Cream Store. The entire auxiliary department responded manning hose lines,setting up the auxiliary lighting plant, and doing patrol duty in near zero weather for a total of 180 man hours The entire personnel of auxiliary fire department responded to all the serious woods and brush fires throughout the summer not only relieving regular personnel but in taking charge of a number of woods fires. The auxiliary responded to the emergency at the Town of Manchester, Town of Saugus, and the serious woodland fires along the Middlesex Fells Reservation. This in addition to the many serious woods and brush fires within the boundaries of Melrose. During fire prevention week and at Halloween, the entire auxiliary fire service assisted the regular department. Approxinately 12,000 man hours were recorded in the year by the members of the Auxiliary department. 18,200 feet of hose was laid and picked up by the auxiliary. Many other services too many to mention were rendered to the citizens of Melrose. Practise has been maintained on all types of equipment including the aerial ladder truck, gas mask drills, use of the resusciatator and life gun equipment. Their efforts have run into thousands of hours and have given the citizens of this city a most valuable added protection. Needless to say, the Auxiliary Fire Department has my deepest appreciation and, I am sure, that of the Director od Civil Defense, Mr. Robert Wilson. We both feel that we have an outstanding auxiliary in which we may justly take great pride.

Conclusion

I desire to express my thanks and appreciation to his Honor, the Mayor, to the Honorable Board of Aldermen, and to all other departments for their assistance in all matters pertaining to the Fire Department. To the officers and men of the department who rendered efficient service at all hours of the day and night, I wish to extend my sincere thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

Sianey F. Field

Chief of the Department

REPORT OF THE LAW DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable the Mayor and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen of the
City of Melrose

Gentlemen:

There have been the usual number of actions at law brought to recover against the City for damages alleged to have been sustained by reason of defects in public ways, and others brought to recover for damages alleged to have been sustained by reason of blasting. These have all been investigated and those which appeared to have been unfounded have been defended and the others compromised and settled.

The City Government has been active in the acquisition of land by the exercise of the power of eminent domain, some of the acquisitions having been for school sites, or the enlargement of existing school sites, and one the acquisition of a very extensive territory for the disposal of rubbish; still others for the establishment of off-street parking places. All but two have been disposed of by negotiation and compromise and one of the remaining, while not closed on the record of the court, has resulted in an agreement of settlement. There is one pending which it appears will have to be tried.

It has not been necessary actually to try actions for or against the City by other municipalities arising out of the furnishing of Old Age Assistance. With the cooperation of the Department of Public Welfare, it has been possible to compromise these claims.

There are remaining appeals to the Appellate Tax Board by various property owners claiming over-assessment. Careful attention by the Board of Assessors, and the opinions of experts, has persuaded this Department that in no case was the appeal wellfounded and it is proposed to defend against these appeals.

The number of routine matters of conferences and opinions, and examinations of title in connection with the takings by eminent domain, as referred to above, and other takings of easements for the purpose of laying and maintaining sewers or surface drains, has considerably increased, but all have been seasonably attended to and completed.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Van Allen Thomason

City Solicitor

REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL BUILDING TRUSTEES

To His Honor the Mayor, and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen
City of Melrose, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The Trustees of the Memorial Building herewith submit their Annual Report for the year 1957.

During this year the Memorial Building has had its highest number of rental commitments in any one year. The building has been used continuously, outside of the summer months, and on many occasions has had an extremely busy week schedule. The building personnel has been kept busy, with occasions when it has been necessary to employ additional help to cover the extra work involved, these men being chosen from those who assist in the moving of the auditorium seats.

The Trustees have witnessed the removal of the original old south lobby entrance, and now enjoy the new structure, which has finally been completed after years of planning. We are greatly indebted to His Honor the Mayor, for his kind assistance on this replacement, and we are proud of this new entrance to our Memorial Building, with its proper design and beauty.

During the latter part of this year the Trustees were greatly disappointed to lose one of their devoted members, namely Robert T. Boynton, who upon retirement from business, presented his resignation as a member of the Board, and moved to Douglas Hills, Maine.

Numerous repairs have been made to the building during the year. Perhaps we should list the more important ones, such as room painting, plumbing involving the heating system, re pairs to auditorium seats, floor cleaning and waxing, electrical repairs and improvements, organ repairs and improvements, and replacement of old and inadequate equipment in the building. In addition the Trustees purchased scaffold equipment, which will greatly aid work within the building in future years, which ordinarily would require high step ladders and extensive wooden staging for ceiling and wall work. The scaffold is of metal construction, insuring complete safety, light in weight and easily set up and dismantled, and can be packed away in a small space in the building.

We are gradually replacing the worn out equipment, with continued improvement in the function of the building. We plan to continue the exterior pointing of the masonry in yearly sections until entirely completed. This work has been a long needed requirement and will protect interior walls and ceilings against dampness, thereby eliminating continuous wall and ceiling repairs and painting. We have had to replace many sections of the wall canvas yearly, also to repaint other sections damaged by moisture.

Flameproofing of the stage curtains and the draperies in the Grand Army Hall, was done in February of this year, and as this work is only required every two years, it will not be done in 1958.

Regarding the seats in the auditorium orchestral area, which have been moved many times during the active season, both in to and out of the special cellar compartment below the stage, a few of the sections have been damaged, requiring minor repairs and some replacements of metal parts. Since the Trustees have owned these two dies for metal parts for these seats, several broken ones have been replaced with new ones at a minimum expense. Tightening of all loosened bolts, nuts and screws was done during the summer months, so for the most part these seats are now in good condition.

During the year there were some forty-one paid rental engagements in the building, including both the Auditorium and the Grand Army Hall. These engagements amounted to $3943.40 in receipts turned into the City Treasury. We are proud that the building produces this revenue, and it shows a decided interest on the part of the citizens in the use of this building for many civic functions.

Christmas lighting displayed on the front of the building during the holiday season from Thanksgiving through Christmas, added beauty to the Main Street display.

Finally, the Trustees are continuously working to improve all the facilities of the building, thereby enabling the citizens to fully enjoy this Memorial structure with all of its exceptional advantages.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Salaries and Wages

Appropriated	$6781.68	
Order #12203 B. of A.	359.12	$7140.80.
Expended		6607.67
Balance		$ 533.13

Other Expenses

Appropriated		$6200.00
Expended		5809.50
Balance		$ 390.50

Lobby Account

Appropriated		$7500.00
Expended	$1095.65	
Encumbered bills	3800.00	4895.65
Balance		$2604.35

Respectfully submitted

TRUSTEES OF THE MEMORIAL BUILDING

Harold L. Margeson

Chairman

REPORT OF THE PARK DEPARTMENT

Honorable Lawrence W. Lloyd, Mayor and
the Honorable Board of Aldermen
City Hall, Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

We herewith submit the 48th Annual Report of the Park Department for the year 1957.

The report comprises the complete work of the Department under the supervision of our Superintendent, Francis J. Meehan and a financial statement of the year.

The Park Commission feel that through the untiring efforts of the Mayor and cooperation of the Park Superintendent progress has been made in our Park system.

1. Conant Playground has been enlarged.
2. Swampland on the Boulevard and Tremont Street reclaimed.
3. Ell Pond Wall on Main Street reconstructed.
4. Ell Pond Bathhouse converted into a new Storage building.
5. Hockey Rink near the Knoll improved.
6. On the Golf Course, the 3rd Fairway relocated and a new Tee built, Ramps tarred and many other improvements as the report indicates.

The Members of this Board express their sincere thanks to the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen for their cooperation.

The Park Commission feel that the Superintendent and employees have taken interest in their work and done a good job.

Respectfully submitted,

For The

Melrose Park Commission

Edgar S. Terry
Acting Chairman

Mr. Harold W. Poole, Chairman
and Members of the Melrose
Board of Park Commissioners

Gentlemen:

My Annual Report for the year 1957,I hereby submit to the Park Commission.

- 1957 ANNUAL REPORT -

The year '57 was the eighth "Mild" Winter of the past nine years. "Mild" meaning that the average temperature of December, January and February was above normal. The total snow accumulation during the winter was 33.4 inches.

The U. S. Department of Commerce and Agriculture state that the current drought in southeastern New England was the, "most severe and prolonged in at least 70 years of official record."

The October rain of 1.33 inches helped relieve the effects of the drought that started May 1. But according to the Boston Weather Bureau, the period from June through October was the driest for any five consecutive months on record. Total rainfall being 6.99 inches,normal is 15.67 inches.

The total number of Winter Sports days is shown in the following table:-

Ell Pond	Skating	3	Days
Ell Pond Rink	Skating	27	Days
Common Playground Area	Skating	21	Days
Conant Playground Area	Skating	21	Days
Hesseltine Playground Area	Skating	8	Days
Lebanon Playground Area	Skating	22	Days
Lincoln Playground Ares	Skating	32	Days
Pond No. 1 Mount Hood	Skating	41	Days
Pond No. 2 Mount Hood	Skating	40	Days
Pond No. 3 Mount Hood	Skating	27	Days
Coasting No. 1 Fairway Mt.Hood		25	Days
Ski. Tow Mt.Hood(9 Afternoons-10 Eves)		19	Total

- PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS -

At Conant Playground approximately four thousand yards of fill from the Washington Street construction was used to fill in a swampy area converting it into a solid piece of ground to be utilized as a second Little League. Fifteen hundred yards of fill was purchased to cover this fill, then the area graded, raked, rolled and seeded in the late fall.

This new area enlarged this Playground giving nearly two more acres of playing field for the children. A new Climb-a-Round or, "Jungle Gym " was added to the present playground equipment.

The building formerly known as the Gooch School was demolished, and will be made into a new Playground with equipment for the smaller tots. A new "Climb-a-Round" has been purchased.

At the Hesseltine Playground the baseball field has been pushed further back from the school. Next year we hope to be able to relocate the apparatus for this Play ground to a new site.

The walk at the Vaughan Square Memorial has been filled in, sodded and seeded.

A new truck was purchased to replace the '51 Pick-up.

Bleachers were painted on the Lincoln and Messenger's Meadow Playgrounds.

The flagpole at the Ell Pond Knoll had rotted out which necessitated repairing and lowering the pole about eight feet.

The Messenger's Meadow baseball diamond,backstop, and tennis courts will have to be relocated next year as the Roosevelt School is being enlarged.

Due to the late fall, we were able to top-dress a few of our Memorial Parks throughout the City, and worked as late as the 26th of December.

- ATHLETIC FIELD & FIELD HOUSE -

A new cinder block ticket booth was built near the Tremont Street Parkway baseball entrance, now making a total of three; combination locks installed on the Fresh-man lockers; all Bleacher seats, steps and ramps given a coat of navy gray paint; replaced 30 Bleacher seats that had deteriorated beyond repair and the necessary 8" X 8" supports under the West Bleachers; rebuilt a large area of the football playing field,then reseeded and enclosed with

snow fence to protect the newly seeded ground ; the Annual Horse Show held here in May and this year a Christmas Parade for the youngsters was held in December with Santa Claus arriving by helicopter.

- ELL POND PARK IMPROVEMENT -

Mayor Lloyd's keen interest and untiring efforts in the development of the Ell Pond area of the Park Department has shown real progress this year.

Approximately two and a-half acres of swampland has been reclaimed in this area, bounded by Tremont Street,the Parkway, Ell Pond, Hockey Rink and the Tennis Courts.

Land has been filled in, loamed, graded and seeded. A chain link fence has been extended along Tremont Street, to the Parkway. This spring a small baseball diamond may be made available for the Little League, Etc.

Two old buildings located on Tremont Street and used to store tools and equipment have been demolished.

The Bathhouse on the East side of the Knoll has been converted into a storage building. Overhead doors, wire glass windows, toilet and water facilities and an oil burner have been installed, making it an adequate place to store trucks, tractor, tools and other equipment.

At Ell Pond on Main Street part of the retaining wall was leaning badly towards the pond making it very hazardous. So a contractor was hired to construct a rip-rap wall on the shore line from the former boat landing North. The cost of this work was shared by the State.

More work will be necessary next year, it is planned to landscape the whole area by grassing in the driveway, eliminating the steep slope, rearranging the present shrubbery, tar walks and putting in some new plantings.

The condition of the Ell Pond Hockey Rink which contained about three feet of water, plus six to fifteen feet of peat and mud was excavated and replaced with five thousand yards of gravel, then graded with a heavy tractor. Cinder blocks were used as a base to set the hockey boards on. So now there is only eight inches of water on firm solid ground.

During the summer months this rink can be drained and grassed over, not only making it more attractive but will eliminate the treacherous condition previously existing here, which was an attraction for the young fry with their sail boats.

- MOUNT HOOD -

The Golf Season started off on March 29 and officially closed on December 15th with 47,768 rounds of Golf against 43,221 rounds played in 1956.

Ninteen hundred and fifty-seven was the driest year ever experienced since the Golf Course opened with very little rain from the month of May until October.

The water in the three ponds was practically depleted during August and September. But we were fortunate in that it held out exceedingly well until on the 26th of September when the No. 1 Pond went practically dry and we were forced to water four Greens with our tank sprayer. However, it was felt that our Greens were very good despite the dry season, and are in excellent condition.

A new third Tee, 80 ft. X 50 ft. was built and part of the third Fairway relocated (325 ft. lg X 165 ft. wide) Large boulders and a mound were removed, area graded, seeded, and will be ready for use in 1958.

The Shelter at the second and third Fairways was relocated and rebuilt in a new site in the rear of the fourteenth.Tee.

Holes were filled in on the first, fourth and twelfth Fairways.

Trees were cleared from in back of the seventeenth Green for better air circulation.

A new Nursery was relocated and reconstructed which will be seeded next spring.

Two outdoor metal sets consisting of table,chairs and an umbrella were purchased, (one) for the 1st Tee and (one) for the 10th.

A ridge was built on the right side of the fifth Fairway to prevent golf balls from rolling into the rough.

Along the side of the Ski Tow or on the right side of the first Fairway filling was put in, area regraded and is now ready to be seeded.

Ramps were tarred for the use of persons with Caddy carts (1) from the Clerk's ticket booth to the road,(2)4th Green to 5th Tee, (3) 5th Green to road, (4) 7th Green to 8th Fairway, (5)12th Tee to 12th Fairway,(6) 13th Tee to 13th Fairway and (7) 14th Green to 15th Tee.

A chain link fence with a gate was built and installed across the Tower Road.

PARK DEPARTMENT

The sports areas for outdoor activities i.e.,skiing skating, coasting, fishing, picnicking, etc., were well patronized and enjoyed by hundreds. Many social affairs were also held in,"The George W. Rogers Memorial Hall."

- SOURCE OF REVENUE -

Subscriptions	$ 11,207.50
Daily Fees	19,683.00
Locker Rentals	760.50
Transient Lockers, Soap and Towels	542.10
Hall Rentals	3,057.00
Fireplace Permits	54.50
Ski Tow and Concessions	1,097.50
Misc - Telephone, Electricity,Etc	218.59
	$ 36,620.69

PARK DEPARTMENT

- FINANCIAL STATEMENT -

General Administration - Salaries & Wages

Appropriation		$ 12,195.02
Expenditures:-		
Payrolls	$ 12,080.15	
Unexpended Balance	$ 114.87	

General Administration - Other Expenses

Appropriation		$ 1,000.00
Expenditures:-		
Office Supplies	$ 430.95	
Insurance	161.23	
Telephone	229.72	
Printing - Advertising	116.47	
	$ 938.37	
Unexpended Balance	$ 61.63	

All Other Expenses

Appropriation		$ 8,000.00
Refunds		2.30
		$ 8,002.30
Expenditures:-		
Automotive Maintenance	$ 1,477.57	
Automotive Insurance	515.17	
Labor Insurance	762.17	
First Aid Supplies	11.32	
Printing - Advertising	35.67	
Loam-Fertilizer-Grass Seed, Etc	640.09	
Playground Maintenance	1,046.43	
Paint-Hardware-Lumber	392.54	
Tools-Repairs	1,644.21	
Electricity	68.89	
Repairs-Buildings	106.85	
Water-Service	219.04	
Fuel-Heat & Service	260.53	
Plants, Seedlings, Etc	181.09	
Sand-Playgrounds	42.00	
Paint-Flagpoles	40.00	
	$ 7,443.57	
Unexpended Balance	$ 558.73	

All Other Salaries & Wages

Appropriation		$ 34,381.40
Expenditures:-		
Payrolls	$ 30,206.23	
Unexpended Balance	$ 4,175.17	

Athletic Field & Field House Maintenance & Operation

Appropriation		$ 8,378.00
Expenditures:-		
Salaries & Insurance	$ 5,022.23	
Tools & Repairs	376.05	
Fuel Oil & Service	397.31	
Janitor & Building Supplies	365.07	
Electricity	80.45	
Water-Service	254.34	
Loam-Lime-Fertilizer, Etc	565.50	
Paint Bleachers, Etc	593.11	
Winterize & Connect System	119.15	
	$ 7,773.21	
Unexpended Balance	$ 604.79	

Athletic Field - Renovate Track

Carried From 1952	$ 1,000.00
Same Carried to 1958	

Christmas Lighting

Appropriation		$ 300.00
Expenditures	$ 130.07	
Unexpended Balance	$ 169.93	

Further Development - Conant Playground

Appropriation		$ 3,000.00
Expenditures:-		
Loam	$ 2,304.75	
Grass Seed, Etc	192.00	
Equipment Rentals	449.40	
	$ 2,946.15	
Unexpended Balance	$ 53.85	

Ford Truck - Replace 1951

Appropriation		$ 1,700.00
Expenditures	$ 1,684.40	
Unexpended Balance	$ 15.60	

Golf Maintenance & Operation

Appropriation From,"Mt.Hood Memorial Park Receipts".....		$31,310.00
Refunds.....		112.48
		$31,422.48
Expenditures:-		
Salaries & Wages.....	$ 19,090.26	
Bonds & Insurance.....	568.47	
Painting-Advertising.....	297.26	
Golf Supplies.....	826.30	
Automotive & Insurance.....	872.60	
Tools-Supplies-Repairs.....	575.07	
Fertilizer-Fungicides.....	584.56	
Loam-Sand-Etc.....	729.00	
Laundry-Soap-Towels.....	353.89	
Repairs-Bldgs-Shelters-Etc.....	89.64	
Equipment Rentals.....	304.47	
Barrier-Second Fairway.....	171.00	
Tar Ramps.....	543.00	
	$ 25,005.52	
Balance to,"Mt. Hood Memorial Park Receipts"	$ 6,416.96	

Hockey Rink Gravel Fill & Repairing

Balance From 1957.....	$ 637.12
Same Carried to 1958	

Holidays - Labor Vacation & Insurance

Appropriation.....		$ 4,915.20
Expenditures:.....	$ 4,116.93	
Unexpended Balance...	$ 798.27	

Jungle Gym - Conant Playground

Appropriation.....		$ 500.00
Expenditures.....	$ 462.00	
Unexpended Balance...	$ 38.00	

New Skating Rink - Ell Pond

Balance From 1957.....	$ 428.49
Same Carried to 1958	

PARK DEPARTMENT

Operation - Recreation Building

Appropriation From,"Mt.Hood Memorial Park Receipts"....		$ 8,187.00
Expenditures:-		
Salaries & Wages.....	$ 4,812.72	
Fuel Oil & Services.....	602.86	
Printing & Advertising.....	15.45	
Janitor & Building Supplies.....	329.31	
Water & Service.....	91.20	
Electricity.....	335.41	
Repairs.....	255.04	
	$ 6,441.99	
Balance to,"Mt. Hood M.Park Receipts"....	$ 1,745.01	

Out-of-State Travel

Appropriation.....		$ 150.00
Expenditures.....	$ 111.55	
Unexpended Balance....	$ 38.45	

Park, Playground & Beach Improvements

Balance.....		$ 239.41
Expenditures.....	$ 215.34	
Unexpended Balance....	$ 24.07	

Recreation Building - Ell Pond

Balance From 1937.....	$ 2,811.71
Transferred to,"Remodelling Bathhouse".....	2,811.71

Remodel - Bathhouse

Transferred From,"Recreation Building - Ell Pond".....		$ 2,811.71
Expenditures:-		
Roof Work.....	$ 358.47	
Windows & Repair Work.....	276.72	
Electric Work.....	262.38	
Lumber, Steel & Hardware.....	284.39	
Remodel Work for Doors and Installation Incl. 2 Overhead Doors	652.60	
Heating System.....	900.00	
	$ 2,734.56	
Unexpended Balance....	$ 77.15	

Ski Tow - Maintenance & Operation

Appropriation From,"Mt. Hood Memorial Park Receipts"		$ 2,050.00
Expenditures:-		
Salaries & Insurance.....	$ 663.31	
Supplies & Repairs.....	243.16	
	$ 906.47	
Balance to,"Mt. Hood M. Park Receipts"..	$ 1,143.53	

- CONCLUSION -

In closing, I want to extend my appreciation to His Honor, Mayor Lawrence W. Lloyd, the Honorable Board of Aldermen and Members of the Park Commission for their co-operation throughout the year.

To the Heads of all Departments my sincere thanks for their help, as well as all of the employees in the Park Department who have shown great interest in their work.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard J. Meehan

Superintendent of Parks

REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL BOARD

To His Honor, the Mayor, and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen
City of Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The annual report of the Personnel Board is respectfully submitted herewith.

1957 was the sixth complete year for the Personnel Board in its administration of the Salary Administration Plan. At the June meeting, Nicholas P. Flynn was unanimously reelected as Chairman and Horace H. Feltham as Clerk of the Board. The expiration of a term filled by John F. McHale who could not accept a re-appointment was filled by Albert A. Vogt, Jr. for a three-year term to expire in 1960. Present membership of the Board - Nicholas P. Flynn, Chairman, Horace H. Feltham, Clerk, Frederick S. Nichols, Robert F. Goodspeed and Albert A. Vogt, Jr. The members are cognizant of the generous and sincere assistance given by Mr. McHale during his association with the Board. During the year nineteen meetings were held, of which three were Special Meetings. Seventy-nine Decisions resulted from these meetings and changes in the Ordinances sent to the Board of Aldermen for ratification. Since the Salary Plan became effective in 1951, five hundred and ninety-one Decisions have been rendered by the Personnel Board.

A survey of other communities was made relative to comparable Melrose jobs. Rates and other facts were noted by the Board.

A recommendation by the Personnel Board, effective April 1, 1957, for "7% increase for permanent full-time salaried employees, provided that said 7% shall result in a salary increase of not less than $208. per year nor more than $300. per year; 11¢ per hour for part-time hourly paid help, and 7% increase of the base salary or rate of all other employees provided that said 7% shall not result in a salary increase of more than $300. per year" was amended by the Board of Aldermen by making a straight 7% increase, effective for all full-time employees, June 19th, 1957.

An Index of Personnel Board Decisions, with reference to Minutes of Meetings was set up for distribution. This Index shows all business requiring the attention and consideration of the Board (with the exception of routine step-rate increases and routine promotions) on which there was a Decision, from the inception of the Plan in 1951 through the year 1957.

The Board continued membership in the Massachusetts Municipal Personnel Boards Association, an organization comprising about 40 communities in Massachusetts interested in common municipal personnel problems.

Again this year, telephone expense, office space and equipment were shared by both Planning Board and the Recreation Commission.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicholas P. Flynn
Chairman.

REPORT OF PINE BANKS PARK

To his Honor, the Mayor, and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen
Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

As Superintendent of Pine Banks Park, I herewith submit the following report for the year 1957.

The park was visited by many thousands of people and our fascilities were in great demand. Our greatest problem was parking of the cars of our visitors.

The Malden Lions Club supplied the material for the erection of a shelter at the playgrounds at the cost of seven hundred fifty dollars. This shelter was built by the park employees with the aid of the Malden and Melrose PWD. Pine Banks Park erected a plaque for the dedication of this shelter to the Malden Lions Club. This shelter replaced the one which was burnt down in 1956.

In May softball lights were erected on the north field with 58 lights of 1500 watts each and is considered one of the best lighted fields in this area. Dedication took place in June with two top teams playing. One from Malden and one from Melrose. This field was in use every night from the dedication until the last week in September.

A chain link fence was erected on Main St. and on Sylvan St. With this fence the entire ballfields are inclosed and chains were installed so that the fields can be closed off at night.

Baseball and softball fields are in demand all season. Malden commercial league, Melrose softball league along with church teams used the softball fields. St. Mary's baseball club from Melrose used the baseball field. The little league fields were in use every night by teams from both Malden and Melrose.

The main avenue from the Malden entrance to the ballfield was resurfaced and oiled in 1957. It is hoped that another avenue can be resurfaced and oiled in 1958.

Family groups, boy scouts, YMCA and church groups used the facilities of the park during the year. Many of the groups had camp outs over night. Day camp was also held at the ballfields by the Malden and Melrose YMCA.

Malden and Melrose campfire girls and scouts had their Arbor Day exercises at the park. Several trees were planted which were supplied by the park.

Our Christmas display was a great attraction and many people traveled many miles to see it. Santa Claus was at the park every evening and saturday and sunday afternoons for two weeks before the holiday. Lolly pops and bubble gum was given to more than 4500 children who came to see Santa. This year a small village was added to our decorations. These buildings were made and painted by the employees of the park.

As Superintendent, I would like to thank the Malden and Melrose Police Departments, Fire Departments and the

Departments of Public Works for their cooperation and assistance given to me during the year.

Many thanks to my Trustees and employees for a successful 1957.

Respectfully submitted,

George F Cray

Superintendent, Pine Banks Park

PINE BANKS PARK

Appropriations

City of Malden		
Salaries	$10628.64	
Ordinary maintenance	4950.00	
Softball lights	3500.00	$19078.64
City of Melrose		
Salaries	$10628.64	
Other expenses	3000.00	
Road repairs	250.00	
Fencing	800.00	
Lodge repairs	400.00	
Out of state travel	75.00	
Softball lights	3500.00	
Lighting maintenance	500.00	19153.64
Total appropriation for both cities		$38232.28

Expenditures

City of Malden		
Salaries	$10618.26	
Ordinary maintenance	4935.73	
Softball lights	3500.00	$19053.99
City of Melrose		
Salaries	10602.52	
Other expenses	2994.91	
Road repairs	250.00	
Fencing	800.00	
Lodge repairs	400.00	
Softball lights	3500.00	
Lighting maintenance	491.69	19039.12
Total expenditures for both cities		$38093.11
Unexpended balances		
City of Malden	$24.65	
City of Melrose	114.52	139.17
Total expenditures and balances		$38232.28

Robert A. Hodgdon
Treas

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

To His Honor the Mayor and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen
City of Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The Planning Board respectfully submits its report for the year 1957.

Regularly scheduled Monthly Meetings and many Special Meetings have been held throughout the year, including the summer months. Excellent attendance at these meetings, which included field trips to subdivision areas, indicates the interest and sense of responsibility of the Board members.

Several large subdivisions have been proposed and many conferences with developers and their engineers were necessary concerning the development of the plans for these areas. Numerous trips were made to inspect the land and study the problems involved. Public Hearings were held on two plans for subdivions - Boston Rock Park (lying South of Mount Vernon Street and East of Boston Rock Road). Plan approved April 22nd. Morningside, (lying East of Boardman Avenue) without tentative approval because of drainage problems.

In addition, the Board has received thirty-two small plot plans for subdivions which have been found not to require Planning Board approval. These plans were acted on by properly appointed members of the Board subject to study and confirmation of the full membership of the Board.

Many Special Meetings of the full Board and also Special Committee Meetings have been held in connection with the much needed revision of the Rules and Regulations governing the subdivision of land in Melrose. This project should be completed early in 1958.

Several problems have been referred to the Planning Board. Among them, the proposed Stanley Street and Windsor Street lay-out and construction; development of the Ridgewood Lane area; consultation with the Town of Saugus for the development of the Woodcrest East area; cooperating and assisting the Y.M.C.A. in finding a location for their proposed new building. All of these situations required discussion meetings and field trips.

In addition, the Planning Board has had under consideration at all times, the need for a constructive Long Range Plan for the City. This would include controlled development of such areas as are still undeveloped in the City, re-development of several areas, particularly in the business districts that are no longer acceptable in a progressive community. Only by means of such a Plan can Melrose retain it's enviable standing.

The Planning Board is very cognizant that coordinated Long Range Planning is necessary to every municipal department and activity. To mention a few of the problems would include such matters as Highway construction and re-construction, additional parking areas, re-laying

water and sewer mains, a study of the future needs of the protection departments as well as school building requirements and additional recreation areas and improvement of existing ones. This can be accomplished through the excellent cooperation that exists between the City officials and department heads.

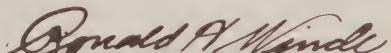
To achieve a sound workable plan and accomplish this Long Range Planning, funds will be needed to provide for engineering study, gathering and correlating the factual information needed. The Board has been handicapped in this work by lack of secretarial assistance. There is a great need of additional paid assistance for investigating and secretarial services. The volume of detail work already processed through the Board has been done through the willing efforts of a part-time paid secretary plus a large amount of volunteer assistance by Miss Lillian V. Macdonald, Clerk, and Mrs. Merion E. Hartzell, another member of the Board.

Two new members joined the Board - Mr. Paul H. Messer to fill an unexpired term and Mr. Harry M. Brettell, replacing Mr. Herbert Corey, resigned, whose term expired this year. The Board was unfortunate in losing the services of such a valued member as Mr. Corey.

Other members of the Board are Ronald H. Winde, Chairman, Jay J. Martin, Jr., Vice-Chairman, Lillian V. Macdonald, Clerk, John E. Buddington, Mrs. Merion E. Hartzell, Dr. Kenneth L. Maclachlan and Walter V. Robinson.

All members of the Planning Board wish to take this opportunity to express appreciation of the cooperation of His Honor the Mayor, the Honorable Board of Aldermen, City Officials and other Departments and Committees throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,



Ronald H. Winde, Chairman

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

January 10, 1958

To His Honor, the Mayor, and
The Honorable Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Section 2-39 of Chapter 2 of the Revised Ordinances, I respectfully submit the Annual Report of the Melrose Police Department for the Year ending December 31, 1957.

Number of duty calls	72,550
Number of telephone calls	6,538
Number of radio calls	2,832
Number of ambulance calls	750

ARRESTS FOR THE YEAR 1957

Offenses against the person:		
Assault and Battery	4 Males	0 Females
Assault and Battery with Dangerous Weapon	1 Male	0 Females
Extortion Attempt	2 Males	0 Females
Assault and Battery on Police Officer	1 Male	0 Females
Total	8 Males	0 Females
Offenses against property:		
Breaking and entering and larceny	10 Males	0 Females
Breaking and entering attempt	2 Males	0 Females
Larceny	12 Males	0 Females
Damage to Property	1 Male	0 Females
Trespass	2 Males	0 Females
Using Motor Vehicle without authority	10 Males	0 Females
Arson	1 Males	0 Females
Total	38 Males	0 Females
Offenses against public order:		
Drunkenness	30 Males	2 Females
Traffic Violations	102 Males	25 Females
Motor Vehicle Violations	76 Males	11 Females
Operating M. V. under the influence	6 Males	0 Females
Insane	7 Males	3 Females
Non-Support	4 Males	0 Females
Violation of Probation	7 Males	1 Female
Lewdness	2 Males	0 Females
A. W. O. L. - Military	1 Male	0 Females
Runaway	2 Males	1 Female
Illegitimacy	1 Male	0 Females
Plumbing Law Violations	1 Male	1 Female

Annual Report - Melrose Police Department

Delinquincy, Contributing to	1 Male	0 Females
Child Minor, Neglecting	1 Male	1 Female
Vagrancy	1 Male	0 Females
Child Neglected	2 Males	1 Female
Fireworks, unlawfully selling	2 Males	0 Females
Default Warrants	3 Males	0 Females
Indecent Exposure	1 Male	0 Females
Stubborn Child	0 Males	4 Females
Non-payment of wages	1 Male	0 Females
Total	251 Males	50 Females

Arrests on Warrants	30
Arrests without Warrants	354
Total	384
Males	334
Females	50
Minors	35
Delinquents	21
Residents	202
Non-residents	182
Insane Males	7
Insane Females	3
In Court	402
Number of Cases	598
Assisted in arrests	36
Accidents reported	498
Ambulance Cases	750
Automobiles stopped and warned	316
Automobiles tagged (1,319 3-Way summonses issued out of 2568 tags)	2568
Buildings found open	267
Cases investigated	2677
Defective streets and sidewalks	4
Defective Hydrants and pipes	1
Defective wires	2
Disturbances suppressed	1
Dogs killed	1
Fire alarms attended	151
Fire alarms given	10
Fires extinguished without alarm	9
Lanterns hung in dangerous places	22
Letters delivered	1275
Lost children restored	66
Notices served	4
Sick and injured persons assisted	185
Street lights reported out	127
Street obstructions reported or removed	1
Summonses served	621
Visits to libraries	206
Water leaks reported	7
Traffic duty	18,188
Special Messages	356

Annual Report - Melrose Police Department

Extra Duty	245
Dog Bites	3
Dead Animals	25
Vacant houses inspected	5083
Banks inspected	6520
Autos stolen	20
Autos recovered	28
Amount of property recovered in City	$ 29,562.88
Amount of property stolen in City	21,464.95
Lost property returned to owner	29,430.78

I wish to commend the members of this Department for their co-operation and loyalty in maintaining the efficiency of the Department.

I further wish to commend the Auxiliary Police for their co-operation and loyalty in the past year in sacrificing their time to the extent of 1180 assignments totaling 2550 man hours by 45 members of the Auxiliary, and in doing so assisted this Department in many assignments through-out the year.

At this time I wish to express my appreciation to His Honor the Mayor and to the Honorable Board of Aldermen and to all other Departments for their assistance and co-operation with this Department.

Respectfully submitted

George D. MacWilliams

George D. MacWilliams
Captain in Charge
Melrose Police Department

REPORT OF THE PROPERTY VALUATION BOARD

To His Honor, the Mayor, and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen
City of Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The Property Valuation Board submits, herewith, its annual report for the year 1957. The following parcels of land were disposed of during the year.

Lot No. and Location	Selling Price
Boardman Avenue - Lot 5	$ 495.00
Corner Street - Lot 8	125.00
Farwell Avenue - Lots 8 and 9	612.00
Forest Street - Lots 249-255	400.00
4 Parcels	$1,632.00

Respectfully submitted,

Lewis E. Hennigar Francis A. Zino

Chairman

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

for the

Year ending December 31, 1957

TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Herbert L. Hammond, Chairman Jan. - March

Howard B. Wilder, Chairman April - Dec.

William L. Carney

Edwin W. Lundquist

Elisabeth M. Perkins

Ernest F. Perkins, Jr.

Elinor H. Tibbetts

THE LIBRARY STAFF

Helen Anderson, Librarian

Barbara G. Mason, Assistant Librarian

Caro F. Nims, Children's Librarian

Margaret Lorenz, Cataloger

Rhoda M. Parmenter, Circulation Librarian

Genieve R. Hanks, Highlands Branch Librarian

Audrey C. Bergmann, Reference Librarian

Ann R. Love, General Assistant (Desk)

Ruth B. Zarella, General Assistant (Catalog)

Helen Harmen, General Assistant (Desk & Office)

Frances Hjerpe, General Assistant (Children's)

Ethel M. Perkins, Assistant East Side Branch (Jan. - Aug.)

Fanny B. Arnold, Assistant, East Side Branch (Sept. - Dec.)

M. Pearl Rawding, Assistant, Ward 7 Branch

Jean P. Sewell, Assistant, Wyoming Branch

Edwin W. Allen, Building Custodian

PUBLIC LIBRARY

February 17, 1958

To His Honor, the Mayor, and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen
City of Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The Trustees of the Public Library submit their annual report for 1957.

The accompanying Librarian and Staff reports indicate further development of available Library services and continued growth in circulation and registration. The high professional spirit and zeal of the Librarian and the Staff have contributed greatly to this record of progress.

During 1957 the problem of expansion and modernization of the Library has been of major concern to the Trustees. As is indicated in the accompanying reports, existing services are hampered and further expansion of services rendered increasingly difficult within the present physical facilities. The Trustees hope that their study of building needs and their request to the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen for appropriate action for additional space will mark 1957 as a year of decision in the progress of the Melrose Public Library.

During 1957 the Library Trustees received two bequests which have resulted in the establishment of the Lizzie P. Smith and the Pierre Gendrot Funds. The Gendrot Fund which is specifically limited to the "purchase of art publications, engravings, pictures, paintings, and other art objects" presents an unusual opportunity to expand the Library services in this field for both young and adult users. Plans have already been launched to enlist the counsel of qualified citizens in the selection and use of materials purchased from this Fund.

The Board of Trustees are grateful for the sustained interest of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen and are appreciative of the efforts of the Librarian and her Staff in maintaining good service to our patrons.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard B. Wilder

Chairman
Board of Trustees

BUILDING HOPES

Before Mr. Hammond resigned as Chairman of the Trustees in March, he had checked over and put into scale drawings and statistical form, the figures presented by the librarian as representing space the Melrose Library needs for expansion. These and a written survey of space requirements by the librarian for specific functions were presented to the Trustees. Mr. Wilder, Chairman, appointed Mr. Carney and Mr. Perkins to serve as the Trustee Building Committee. In the fall a cost estimate of approximately $281,000, exclusive of furniture, book stacks, and architects' and engineers' fees, was made. A letter setting forth the library's needs was presented to Mayor Lloyd. A front-page report appeared in the December 19 issue of the Melrose Free Press.

BRIEF COMPARATIVE SURVEY

On January 3, 1958, the Massachusetts Library Association Planning Committee submitted a set of MINIMUM STANDARDS for Massachusetts Libraries, worked out with careful study during the previous year.

The following items reveal how Melrose compares with some of the minimum standards:

For POPULATION GROUP 25,000 - 49,999:MELROSE - 29,713(City listing)

Hours of Service

Minimum — 60 hrs. open a week — Melrose: 63 hrs., 10 months; 55 hrs., 2 months

Book Collection

Minimum collection — 59,426 — Melrose: 74,745

The main stack area is housing approximately 20,000 more books than are recommended for such an area by the American Library Association standard of 6 books per linear foot of shelf space. Further standards of service are recommended by the A. L. A. as follows:

Circulation of Books

Adult standard per capita per year 3 to 10 vols. — Melrose: 6 per capita in 1957

Juvenile standard per capita per year 10 to 30 vols. — Melrose: 22 per capita in 1957

Registration of Borrowers

Adult - population above 8th grade (24,946) 20% to 40% — Melrose: 39% 9,927 registered

Juvenile - population thru 8th grade (4,767) 35% to 75% — Melrose: 93% 4,436 registered

A. L. A. standard is on the basis of juvenile 5 - 14, and adult 15 years and over, so there is a very slight deviation in the basis used.

We come next to standards for the building areas in which to carry on these services.

Working areas

Staff work space
(from an A.L.A. publication)
Allow 100 sq. ft. per employee in catalog rooms.
Allow 75 sq. ft. per employee in other work rooms.

Melrose: Often 3 persons work in each of our two 100 sq. ft. offices, besides a file, a safe, 2 desks, cupboard and shelving in the librarian's office and in the cataloger's office a cupboard, shelflist cabinet, sink, water cooler, shelving and 2 desks.

The obvious conclusions are that Melrose is receiving a fairly high level of service, from a staff working under uncomfortably crowded conditions.

ART DEPARTMENT

The Pierre Gendrot Fund for art purchases became a reality in 1957. Plans for using the income of the $41,040 bequest from the Felix A.Gendrot estate are being made. The expenditures are to be limited to the "purchase of art publications,engravings, pictures, paintings and other art objects".

Our hundred new shelves have made it possible to move the art section of books to the area at the head of the stairs and into the lecture room on the second floor. Music and records have space in the lecture room. Books on the mezzanine floor were all moved into a more usable arrangement when the 700 class was moved out. Patrons are using the department more and more, and we feel an imperative need for additional personnel to build up and service the material. We are now using the last possible room for expansion in the present building - from second floor to basement.

THE CATALOGER' WORK

New adult books prepared for circulation in 1957 numbered 2,590,reported Mrs. Lorenz. Purchases were about one third fiction. Non-fiction was led by history and travel, 250 books;social sciences next with 187; followed by biography, 172; then the arts, with 171; literature, 167; technology numbering 143; and books of inspiration and religion, 130. 1,066 adult books were discarded and 137 were missing.

For each book handled there are a dozen mechanical details in addition to the primary work of classification and cataloging.

Each week there has been a colorful display over the "Books of the Week" table aimed at attracting the attention of our readers to a book of particular merit or interest.

A continual inventory of the books is carried on, especially important and urgent during the rearrangement of books in expanding the space for art books.

Work on a file of biographical materials has brought about a consolidation of several files into two, one of living people and one of past notables.

Cataloging also involves constant changes in terminology to keep up with developments in the world like Satellites, High Fidelity, and others.

REFERENCE AND YOUNG ADULTS

"Your library has loads of information" is the slogan that Mrs. Bergmann quotes in her report of numerous and varied questions answered in 1957. Adequate subject headings in the card catalog are vital to finding the information. One hundred eleven new volumes of reference books were added during the year. It takes constant care to keep the collection up-to-date.

The Young Adult Department has acquired a wide variety of approximately 250 new titles in the leisure reading collection,including books of romance, books on sports, etiquette, education, and others. The department shows continually increasing business,facilitated by new shelving in front of the fireplace.

Twelve classes of eighth-grade students came to the library from May 20 to June 12 for an introduction to the use of the adult reference department. This experiment has been so helpful that it is hoped that such visits will be annual events.

Cooperation with the High School included displays and lists and having materials to satisfy the demands of assignments. The High School revision of their Book Report List gave great satisfaction.

The RECORDAK reader has been used several times in answering questions from the film of our local newspaper, and the machine has been used for films brought in from outside.

CIRCULATION ACTIVITIES

Miss Parmenter reported that the staff are relieved to know that the increase in business was not in their imaginations only.Of the total 256,661 books circulated during 1957,126,049 went out from the Main adult desk, 10,471 more than in 1956.

In addition there were 880 pictures and 4,160 records loaned.

To shut-ins, 3,367 books were sent out, an increase of 615.

At the hospital, 3,516 books were circulated. Sincere thanks go to Mrs. George Beck and Mrs. Frank Morgan for their excellent service with the book truck.

Through inter-library loan we borrowed 19 books and 15 German novels from the Division of Public Libraries, and loaned 38.

Registered borrowers numbered 14,363,of which 9,927 are adult,4,436 juvenile, 517 over 1957. 46 non-resident borrowers pay $1.00 a year.

Extra copies of fiction were weeded from the shelves and filed in the basement, in addition to the shifting of the books in the balcony .

CHILDREN'S ROOM

Melrose educators, both teachers and librarians, according to Mrs. Nims, feel that Melrose children are well on the road to more and better reading as the coming NATIONAL BOOK WEEK announces its slogan of "Wake Up and Read".

Children proved it by the circulation of 106,629 books during 1957, an increase of 13,699 over 1956 and an increase of approximately 152% over a 10-year period.

38,563 went from the Main desk
20,557 went from the Highlands Branch
26,569 went from the 3 Branch Libraries in schools
20,940 went from loans to schools

At the end of 1957, 1,226 books had been added to the book collection at a cost of $2,238, making the total collection for children 19,571, nearly double the 10,134 of 1948, ten years ago. This growth and increased business has all been accomplished in a small basement room about 20 by 30 feet. In 1957, 125 books toward a total of 380 to be loaned to the fifth grades were purchased. To the main library were added a new "World Book", a "Richards Topical Encyclopedia" and a new plastic globe.

Mrs. Nims visited 106 class rooms in schools with books to review and talks about the library, authors and illustrators. Mrs. Hjerpe, her assistant, visited and told stories in 17 kindergarten rooms. The 7th grades from the Roosevelt School, the first grade from the Beebe, and two 3rd grades from the Washington Schools visited the library.

The Summer Reading Course drew about 280 children to the main library. There were 73 members at Highlands Branch. One hundred six of these completed the reading and attended the big party given for them by the library with John Snook as master of ceremonies.

Camp Fire Girls and Bluebirds have again furnished posters and displays for the Children's room during the year.

AT HIGHLANDS BRANCH

Mrs. Hanks reported on the year at Highlands Branch - the inauguration of a charging machine in January; the using of the bulletins by the Girl Scouts for a window display of their handiwork; the borrowing of a small group of record albums from the Main Library to be circulated at Highlands. Eighty nine circulated from September to December.

Book circulation:

	1957	1956
Adult	16,633	16,275
Juvenile	20,557	18,010
	37,190	34,285

Four double sections of book shelves were added and filled. During the year 487 adult books were added, a few gifts were received, and 316 juvenile books were purchased.

The Summer Reading Course had a flourishing season at the Highlands Branch, with 73 children registered.

In the fall the Highlands Woman's Club did a "face-lifting" job on their building which houses the library. New doors were installed, brick replaced wood below the windows, and the interrupted service went back to normal.

BRANCHES IN SCHOOLS

Early in 1957 the need of the schools for classrooms again aroused concern over the possibility of losing our libraries in Lincoln School and in Winthrop School. It was decided that the room at Lincoln was unsuitable for classes, so the library remained. Alderman MacIntosh was active in behalf of citizens to keep the library in the Wyoming area.

At the Winthrop School, there was also citizen support of the library location. The School Department kindly provided a basement room which the library Trustees renovated. In July the library was moved. Miss Mason reports that since its opening in September, the room has proved very satisfactory.

Mrs. Ethel M. Perkins retired in August, after twenty years of faithful service as assistant at the Winthrop Branch Library. She had always shown a keen interest in her young patrons and their reading. Mrs. Fanny Arnold has taken over her work.

Circulation at the branches

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
East Side	11,729	10,416	22,145
Ward 7	12,663	8,809	21,472
Wyoming	9,527	7,344	16,871
	33,919	26,569	60,488

MISCELLANY

Librarians attended the North Shore Library Club meeting at Beverly in March. The Melrose Public Library entertained the North Shore Library Club in Melrose in December. The librarian attended the Massachusetts Library Association meeting at the new branch in Springfield. Brandeis University Library was visited in May when a catalogers' meeting was held there. The librarian attended an excellent 3-day institute at the University of Chicago Graduate Library School in June.

Part-time assistants at the library have included Mrs. Betty Smith, Mrs. Dorothy Harding, Mrs. Freddy deBeurs, Mrs. Dorothy Bloom, Mrs. Rachel Z. Nelson, Mrs. Muriel Edwards, Bette Cairns, Mrs. Sophie Ritchie, Thomas Connolly and more than 25 student assistants during the year.

We are grateful to the Melrose Garden Club for the many lovely floral arrangements so faithfully brought in by Mrs. William King and others.

In memory of William Briry the library received a memorial volume from Mrs. Hazel Vaitses and her son Paul Vaitses - "The Bird Watcher's Anthology," by Roger Tory Peterson.

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred A. Gerade, Mrs. Albert Ingram presented to the library a collection of over 150 calling cards of famous people, that the Gerades had collected during their lifetime.

Constance Wade presented to the library a small embroidered map of Korea, two fans, and a Japanese obi from Korea.

Mrs. Alma Pyne exhibited her water colors and oils at the library April 1 - 13.

The Young Artists' Association had an exhibition of their work at the library May 6 - 18. The Melrose Camera Club, the African Violet Club, the Community Council Board, Girl Scouts, League of Women Voters, and the Humane Society are among groups that met at the library in 1957.

We wish to express our appreciation to the Trustees, the Mayor, and the Aldermen for making possible steady progress during the past year in the improvement of the library.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Anderson

Librarian

CREDITS AND DEBITS FROM APPROPRIATIONS
AND TRANSFERS

	Credits	Debits	Balance Dec. 31,1957
Salaries and Wages	$51,000.00	$52,076.88	$1,219.23
Additional Appropriation	2,296.11		
Other Expenses	2,800.00	2,761.51	38.49
Books and Periodicals	4,000.00	11,222.08	79.53
Dog Tax	2,801.61		
Transfers (Fines)	4,500.00		
Fuel and Light	1,650.00	1,591.36	58.64
Building and Janitor's Supplies	900.00	1,321.08	3.92*
Additional Appropriation	25.00		
Transfers (Fines & Roof Rep.)	400.00		
Rent (Highlands Branch)	1,800.00	1,795.00	5.00
Binding	1,500.00	1,495.44	4.56
New Equipment	440.95	438.83	2.12
Out-of-state Travel	100.00	100.00	00.00
Roof Repairs	500.00	200.00**	300.00
Shelving	2,093.25	2,093.25	00.00
New Plumbing	275.00	275.00	00.00
Back Door Replacement	250.00	210.00	40.00
Transfer of Branch at Winthrop School to Basement	500.00	560.35	1.02
Additional Appropriation	61.37		
Renovation of Casement Windows	256.61***	256.00	.61
	78,149.90	76,396.78	1,753.12

*Returned to Library Fines Account
** $200 transferred to Building and Janitor's Fund
*** Held over from 1956

LIBRARY STATISTICS ACCORDING TO
AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION FORM

Name of Library..... Melrose Public Library
City and State..... Melrose, Massachusetts
Name of Librarian..... Helen Anderson
Date of Founding..... 1871
Population.....(annual listing - City of Melrose)..... 29,713
Number of agencies..... Main Library, 1 branch, 3 branches in schools
Number of days open during the year..... 291
Hours open each week..... Main Library 63 (10 months); 55 (2 months)
Number of volumes at the beginning of the year 72,145
Number of volumes added by purchase..... 4,221
Number of volumes added by gift..... 84
Number of volumes withdrawn..... 1,705
Number of volumes at the end of the year..... 74,745
Circulation of books..... 256,661
Number of registered borrowers..... 14,363

INCOME AND DISBURSEMENTS FROM TRUST FUNDS OF WHICH
THE TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY HAVE THE CUSTODY

	Balance Jan. 1, 1957	Income	Disbursements	Balance Dec. 31, 1957
Sarah A. Chever Fund	$ 791.38	$ 24.92		$ 816.30
Stephen C. Deering Fund	506.96	15.94		522.90
Jabez Dyer Fund	1,049.74	37.90		1,346.24*
(Melrose Savings Bank)		33.60		
(Melrose Trust Co.)				
Sarah E. Odlin Fund	2,130.51	66.13	58.55	2,138.09
Lizzie P. Smith Fund	533.66	11.38		545.04
Pierre Gendrot Fund				
Feb. 12				
Jan. 31	40,000.00	1,500.00	241.04	43,340.56
May 9	1,040.00	125.00		
		916.60		
	46,085.85	2,697.87	299.59	48,709.13
		225.00**		
		2,922.87		

*Includes $225.00 repaid from Gendrot Fund March 11
and $33.60 returned from Checking Account
** $225.00 repaid to Dyer Fund from Gendrot Fund March 11

INCOME AND DISBURSEMENTS FROM FUNDS
IN THE CUSTODY OF THE CITY TREASURER

	Balance Jan. 1, 1957	Income	Disbursements	Balance Dec. 31, 1957
William E. Bailey Fund	$3,197.89	$ 78.13		$3,276.02
William E. Barrett Fund	80.17	2.35		82.52
Horatio N. Perkins Fund	647.63	15.63		663.26
Duplicate Fund	353.64	846.59	748.12	452.11
Fines Account	2,992.06	4,036.63	4,586.37	2,442.32
Unexpended balance from disbursements		79.53		79.53
	7,271.39	5,058.86	5,334.49	6,995.76

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

To His Honor, The Mayor, and
the Honorable Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The Board of Public Welfare herewith submits its report for the year ending December, 1957.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM J. NERLY, CHAIRMAN
Gertrude M. Curtin
John W. Huse
Charles F. Kezer
Carol F. Offenbach

The membership of the Board changed during 1957 due to the resignation of Vivian B. Adams and the death of Roy M. Cushman.

Mr. Cushman had completed twenty-five years of service as Chairman of the Board in March, 1957 and special recognition of this long and valuable service to the City of Melrose was entered on the records of the Board of Public Welfare. The Board adopted the following resolution upon the death of Mr. Cushman on November 15, 1957:

In Memory of Roy M. Cushman,
Chairman of the Board of Public Welfare
of the City of Melrose
1932 - 1957

Be it resolved: That there be inscribed in the records of the Board of Public Welfare this expression of the deep sorrow of the remaining members of the Board in the untimely passing of our dear friend and colleague, Roy M. Cushman, who for twenty-five years was the Board's Chairman. Service to the unfortunate and the needy was his life work. The qualities of discernment, understanding, sympathy, which he possessed in large measure, and his whole-hearted devotion to his chosen work, enabled him to make his efforts so successful. He was never content merely to relieve immediate need if it was possible to offer the recipient opportunity and encouragement for improvement of his condition. His long service as Chairman and guiding spirit of the Board of Public Welfare of the City of Melrose was of inestimable value to the City.

It is ordered that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Mr. Cushman's widow and children as an expression of our great esteem for him and our deepest sympathy for them in their bereavement.

Mrs. Vivian B. Adams was a member of the Board from June, 1948 to November 1, 1957 when she resigned as she was moving to Florida. She was always faithful in her attendance at meetings and was interested and well informed on matters concerning public welfare.

Mayor Lloyd appointed Charles F. Kezer to succeed Mr. Cushman and Carol F. Offenbach to succeed Mrs. Adams. William J. Neely was elected Chairman of the Board in March, 1957.

There was little new legislation affecting public assistance during 1957 but there were a number of important changes in the rules and regulations of the State Department of Public Welfare and these rules have the force of law.

Although the 1957 caseload in all categories remained about the same, there was a decided increase in the cost of assistance. Effective September 1, 1957, payments on Old Age Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children and Disability Assistance were increased 5.7% reflecting the rise in the cost of living between May 1956 and July 1957. The cost-of-living adjustment is a requirement of the General Laws, Chapter 118A and now totals 25.7% over the State standard budget which was computed in August, 1947. A further adjustment was made in the item of fuel making it mandatory that fuel costs be included in the budget on a seasonal basis for September through May for the winter figure, and June through August for the summer figure. Previously fuel had been budgeted on a year-round basis and this adjustment represents a substantial increase in the fuel item. The State Department also revised its Rules and Regulations on funeral expenses effective July 1, 1957. The Board of Public Welfare may now pay $200 if the total cost does not exceed $350, instead of $150 on a total cost of $200. All resources must be applied toward meeting these expenses, so that the Board of Public Welfare would be responsible only for the difference between the amount of the resource and $200.

Since 1954 all payment for medical care for public assistance recipients have been made directly to the vendor but in order to benefit by the federal grants-in-aid which became available for medical payments effective July 1, 1957, the Department instituted a dual system of payment. In general, hospital and drug bills are paid directly to the vendor while the recipient is responsible for physician's services and some nursing home care. The revised medical plan became mandatory upon local boards of public welfare on September 1, 1957 and understandably resulted in some confusion and dissatisfaction. However, the physicians, druggists, nursing home operators, and other persons supplying medical services have been most cooperative and the new plan has not deprived any public assistance recipient of a necessary medical service. A further revision in the medical care plan became effective in September and October, 1957. In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 7, Section 30L of the General Laws,

the Director of the Division of Hospital Costs and Finances established a rate of $5.75 per diem for licensed nursing homes for all care rendered on or after September 15, 1957 for public assistance patients. This meant a minimum increase of $22.50 a month for nursing home care since $5.00 per day, and in some cases $4.00 per day, had been the previous allowance. Inasmuch as there are about 60 recipients in licensed nursing homes, the Old Age Assistance payroll increased by $1350 per month for this one item. In addition, there was an increase in the allowance for clothing and personal needs for all nursing home patients.

The law concerning children's contributions to Old Age Assistance recipients was liberalized by Chapter 614 of the Acts of 1957 and became effective October 29, 1957. The amendment increases exemptions on the basis of marital status, number of dependents, and amount of state and federal taxes. Inasmuch as the law became effective so near the end of the year, and changes in the assistance payment can be made only on the basis of current information relative to the child's income, there were few adjustments before December, 1957. There will of course be a further increase in assistance as a result of this change in law.

The Board considered the same number of Old Age Assistance applications (95) in 1957 as they did in 1956. Sixty-nine applications were approved, including twelve transfers from other cities; twenty requests were denied or withdrawn and the remaining six were pending on December 31st. Since 1952 the number of cases closed in each year has exceeded the number added but in 1957 the number of cases opened and closed almost balance. A total of sixty-eight cases were closed; 36 because of death, 20 became ineligible because of increased income or contributions from their children, nine transferred to another city, the other three were committed to state hospitals.

There were 16 applications for Aid to Dependent Children; eight were approved; four requests were denied or withdrawn, and four were pending on December 31, 1957. Seven cases were closed during the year; one transferred to another city but the other six became ineligible because of increased resources. It is difficult to arrive at an "average" Aid to Dependent Children payment since the budget is determined on an individual basis. Thus, a family with teen-aged children would have a higher food and clothing allowance than a family with pre-school children. Furthermore, in many cases there is partial support from the father of the children, or from earnings within the family group.

Disability Assistance applications totalled 16; eleven were approved and five denied. Ten cases were closed during 1957, but the majority of these disabled persons continued to receive assistance since four of the cases were transferred to Old Age Assistance, and three transferred to Disability Assistance in another city. One person died; the other two cases were closed because of

family resources. The Social Security Amendment which provided for payments to disabled workers at age 50 has had very little impact on the Disability Assistance program. Only two recipients have qualified under this provision and in neither case was the benefit large enough to meet the public assistance budget. However, a number of the persons now receiving Disability Assistance are under the age of 50 and will become eligible for benefits as soon as they meet the age requirement. At the present time the Department of Health, Education and Welfare has rejected many applicants as not qualifying under the "disability" requirement and these strict standards probably will not be modified until there is more experience with the program.

The General Relief caseload fluctuated from 11 to 21 cases per month with 52 cases being opened throughout the year and 56 closed. As we have noted in the past few years, many persons find it necessary to apply for assistance to meet an emergency situation - temporary unemployment, winter fuel, or hospital care. In most cases the General Relief recipient aided in 1957 was classified as unemployable, but unable to meet some particular eligibility requirement of Old Age Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children or Disability Assistance.

Mary J. Melville

Mary J. Melville
Welfare Agent

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1957

RECEIPTS	City Appropriation	Federal Funds	TOTAL
Administration:			
Salaries and Other Expenses	$ 14,505.52	$ 15,063.61	$ 29,569.13
Put of State Travel	125.00		125.00
General Relief	19,000.00		19,000.00
Old Age Assistance	236,000.00	172,566.02	408,566.02
Aid to Dependent Children	14,000.00	16,694.64	30,694.64
Disability Assistance	29,500.00	12,753.03	42,253.03
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	$313,130.52	$217,077.30 *1	$530,207.82

EXPENDITURES	City Funds	Federal Funds	TOTAL
Administration:			
Salaries	$ 14,505.52	$ 11,338.54	$ 25,844.06
Other Expenses		2,079.44	2,079.44
Out of State Travel	125.00		125.00
General Relief	17,674.60		17,674.60
Old Age Assistance	235,981.34	172,102.68	408,084.02
Aid to Dependent Children	13,904.66	16,694.64	30,599.30
Disability Assistance	26,404.33	11,895.90	38,300.23
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	$308,595.45	$214,111.20	$522,706.65#2

*1 - Includes $13,906.37 balance from 1956

#2 - Unexpended balance $7,501.17
To Estimated Receipts 4,525.07
To Federal Fund--1958 2,976.10

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES AND REIMBURSEMENTS FOR 1957

	OLD AGE ASSISTANCE		AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN		DISABILITY ASSISTANCE		GENERAL RELIEF		ADMINISTRATION		TOTAL RELIEF AND ADMINISTRATION	
		%		%		%		%		%		%
TOTAL:	408,084.02 -	100.0	30,599.30 -	100.0	38,300.23 -	100.0	17,674.60 -	100.0	28,048.50 -	100.0	522,706.65 -	100.0
FEDERAL	172,102.68 -	42.2	16,694.64 -	54.6	11,895.90 -	31.1	**		13,417.98 -	47.8	214,111.20 -	40.9
STATE	177,276.32 -	43.4	9,904.96 -	32.4	17,248.66 -	45.0	3,366.66 -	19.0	594.74 -	2.2	208,391.34 -	40.0
RECOVERIES AND OTHER REIMBURSEMENTS *	10,153.64 -	2.5	*		*		1,633.34 -	9.0	*		11,786.98 -	2.2
MELROSE	48,551.38 -	11.9	3,999.70 -	13.0	9,155.67 -	23.9	12,674.60 -	72.0	14,035.78 -	50.0	88,417.13 -	16.9

Notes - * This item chiefly reimbursements from other cities and towns where recipients have legal settlement
Settlement law does not apply in Aid to Dependent Children and Disability Assistance

EXPENDITURES FOR SELECTED YEARS 1945--1957

FEDERAL AND CITY FUNDS COMBINED.

	1945	1947	1949	1951	1953	1955	1957
Administration: Salaries and Other Expenses	$ 9120.30	12088.27	15899.92	17847.89	22591.04	25090.93	27923.50
Out of State Travel				100.00	125.00	125.00	125.00
General Relief	19882.95	22943.16	38990.90	39998.40	24848.92	32476.05	17674.60
Old Age Assistance	151375.58	228337.17	331151.67	376116.34	425044.96	385328.55	408084.02
Disability Assistance					23365.75	33755.02	38300.23
Aid to Dependent Children	14580.28	24490.04	32585.89	30771.39	29293.03	27005.95	30599.30
Totals:	$194595.11	287858.64	418628.38	464834.02	525268.70	503780.50	522706.65

ASSISTANCE CASELOAD AND EXPENDITURES FOR 1957

	OLD AGE ASSISTANCE		DISABILITY ASSISTANCE		AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN		GENERAL RELIEF	
January	368	$ 32,833.22	25	$ 3,877.21	21	$ 2,594.99	21	$ 1,462.95
February	371	31,094.37	23	3,257.64	20	2,331.45	17	1,584.12
March	374	31,812.84	24	2,466.51	20	2,262.15	14	1,151.31
April	379	34,684.16	27	4,121.45	19	2,339.60	11	589.35
May	380	32,746.70	29	3,544.50	18	2,173.93	14	1,184.21
June	373	32,138.60	28	2,975.75	21	2,938.18	15	1,121.47
July	368	30,703.09	29	2,934.70	23	2,780.16	14	2,395.01
August	365	31,986.97	30	3,201.90	20	2,178.51	10	948.06
September	370	39,678.66	31	3,302.54	22	2,720.64	10	781.40
October	370	34,813.87	31	3,110.60	22	2,035.16	11	968.83
November	375	36,191.62	29	3,071.96	22	2,771.71	10	926.30
December	373	35,649.22	27	2,611.07	22	2,941.51	13	673.02

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

To His Honor the Mayor
and the Board of Alderman,
Melrose 76, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I submit the following report of the Public Works Department for the year of 1957.

ENGINEERING DIVISION -Edwin H King, Assistant Civil Engineer in charge.

The Engineering Division of the Public Works Department consists of an Assistant Civil Engineer, a field party of three men and a draftman.

The services rendered by this division are both varied and extensive, involving at one time or another throughout the year every office division, or department within the City government. The primary interest of course is to provide engineering services for the different divisions of the Public Works Department.

The highway construction program is entirely in the hands of the Engineers. The preliminary plans and estimates, the taking plans and descriptions for recording, the final estimates and the estimated assessments, the specifications and detail drawings, the supervision of construction and the final assessments, plus all the field work gathering the data and carrying on the work to its successful conclusion.

The highway rebuilding program (Chapter 718) requires preliminary estimates for the State, surveys, plans and profiles, line and grades during construction and supervision.

Chapter 90 streets also require preliminary estimates, conferences with State Highway Engineer, both prior to and during the construction, daily inspection to protect the City's interest, and general supervision of work done by our own forces, correcting conditions left by the contractor that is not covered in the State contract.

As in the past I will outline the activities of each division and the part each plays in carrying on the work of the department as a whole I will also mention some of the special projects undertaken by the departments and the results accomplished.

Sidewalks under contract, both new and those being repaired come under the Engineers supervision. This includes inspections, estimates plans for record, estimated assessments, final pay estimates, and final assessments, plus all the field work.

CONTINUOUS WALKS 1957

B/A Order #	Street	From	To	Type	Lin. Ft.
11961	Main St.	#138	#144	Granolithic	154'
12277	Laurel St.	#163	#167	"	122'
12035	Waverly Ave.	#133	Upham St.	Asphalt	859'
	Simonds Rd.	#9	#16	"	169'
12422	Washington St.	#115	#135	"	345'
11980	Russell St.	#79	#91	"	228'

INDIVIDUAL WALKS 1957

Street	Type	Lin. Ft.
65 Hawes Avenue	Asphalt	78
11 Mountain Avenue	"	40
11 Gooch Street	"	64
91 Mt. Vernon Avenue	"	60
335 Vinton Street	"	93
36 Tappan Street	"	64
19 Ledgewood Avenue	"	116
58 Mt. Vernon Avenue	"	58
152 Main Street	"	98
9 Ledgewood Avenue	"	65
344 Lebanon Street	"	42
318 Vinton Street	"	104
84 Granite Street	"	42
		824 lin. ft.

Added to this list were 218 linear feet of granolithic drives.

The highway division calls on the engineers for surveys, lines, grades, plans, locations for street signs, parking signs, sketches, quanity calculation, truck measurement etc.

The sewer division new construction rests with the engineers except for the actual labor supervision. All of the design, layout, work, preliminary estimates, plans for record estimated assessments, preliminary field work, supervision during construction, final office plans and final assessments is the work of the engineering division.

The surface drainage program receives the same services.

The water division layouts for extensions, taking plans for record master plans, gate location sketches and general information are all provided by the engineers.

The following is a partial list of the typical services that the engineers are called upon to render to the other departments of the city government.

POLICE DEPARTMENT - Traffic counts, plans for court cases, building maintenance, general information.

LAW DEPARTMENT - Plans, sketches, reports, investigations, general information.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT - Surveys, site plans, estimates, grades, supervision of the City's part of new buildings (landscaping, fencing and etc.)

PUBLIC LIBRARY - Sketches, information concerning buildings.

AUDITORS OFFICE - Design of some types of forms.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT - Plans, sketches, and calculations, house numbers, general information.

CITY CLERK OFFICE - Takings, plans, information of all types concerning public works orders and etc. (special signs - Registrar of Voters)

COLLECTORS OFFICE - Information regarding assessments, lien certificates, deeds, land court etc.

ASSESSORS OFFICE - Plans and sketches, calculations, information for assessments, and general information for interpreting deeds and plans.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT - Information concerning sewers, drainage, cesspool design, sketches and plans.

PARK DEPARTMENT - Surveys, grades, plans, general information and designs for special projects (Ell Pond Park etc.)

Other departments, institutions and boards requiring engineering service include, Cemetery, Pine Banks Commission, Hospital, Red Cross, Welfare Department, Planning Board and the general public.

HIGHWAY DIVISION

John B. Simonds, Assistant Superintendent and Francis P. Martin, Civil Service Foreman are in charge of this division.

This past year this department built seven new streets using highway division personnel. This was done primarily to provide work for the men in this division but as it turned out it was also successful financially. It has been decided that, given the proper equipment, the highway division is capable of doing a better job at a consideravle savings and having proved themselves this past year we will no longer depend on outside contractors for our highway construction work.

The equipment needs include - three new large trucks, possibly a road grader, and a gradall.

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION - 1957

Street	From	To	Lin. Feet	
Bow Street	Sycamore Road	Sycamore Road	495'	
Albert Street	Present end	Albert Street	328'	
Pt. Bratley St.	Present end	Northerly Southerly	155'	*1955 Ord.
Granite Street	Burnett Street	Southerly	975'	
Naples Road	Lebanon Street	Forest Street	772'	
Sycamore Road	Laurel Street	Present end	322'	
Potomac Street	Main Street	Mt. Vernon Ave.	156'	
			3203'	equals .60 miles

Washington Street from the Malden line to Lynn Fells Parkway was rebuilt with Chapter 90 funds. This project was carried over from 1956 so that the entire street could be built at one time.

This past year the City was very fortunate in acquiring a large tract of land in the southeast section of town for a rubbish disposal area. This made it possible for the dump operation to move out of pine Banks Park, where conditions were most unfavorable due to the proximity of habitation, to an area where the nuisance is reduced to a minimum.

His Honor the Mayor and your Superintendent of Public Works were deeply gratified that their efforts in procuring this property met with such domplete success. It is their opinion that the City's disposal needs will be taken care of for the next fifty years.

A survey is to be conducted with an eye to revamping the rubbish collection system since it is now possible and good judgement to burn all of the rubbish, it would seem more reasonable and practical to collect both flamable and inflamable rubbish in the same vehicle rather than to continue with our present practice of having each of these two types of rubbish picked up by separate vehicles, It is hoped that this will prove a far more economical and effecient method of collection.

The garbage contract was rebid this year by the same contractor. The previous contract was for a three year period and estended to five. Our relations with present contractor having been satisfactory, it was decided to have the new contract run for three years with the privilege of extending to five years. The problem of biweekly summer collections was given considerable thought but it was decided that the convience would not justify the cost.

CHAPTER 718

There was a new State law passed this last year under Chapter 718 of the General Laws. This act provided funds to the Cities and Towns of the Commonwealth to improve certain streets approved by the State Department of Public Works.

The Melrose allotment was in excess of eighty thousand dollars, of which we used approximately fifty thousand dollars in 1957 leaving around thirty thousand dollars for this type of work in 1958.

The streets resurfaced under this act were as follows:-

HIGHWAYS RESURFACED IN 1957 WITH CHAPTER 718 FUNDS

Project #	Street	From	To	Lin. Ft.
1	Tremont St.	Lynn Fells Parkway	Melrose Street	1210
2	Bay State Rd.	Main Street	West Street	1310'
3	W. Foster St.	Myrtle Street	Vinton Street	1450
4	E. Foster St.	Sixth Street	Highview Avenue	1240
5	Bellevue Ave.	Porter Street	Upham Street	1360
6	Melrose St.	B. & M. Railroad	Warren Street	1520
7	W. Emerson St.	B. & M. Railroad	Vinton Street	400
8	W. Emerson St.	Vinton Street	CharlesStreet	1150
10	Birch Hill Rd.	Beech Avenue	Harold Street	400
11	Stevens Rd.	- - Intersection at	Perkins St. - -	100
12	Sewall St.	Upham Street	First Street	370
				11,550 lin. ft.

TRAFFIC

A forward step was made this past year in handling traffic on Main Street. Traffic lights were installed at the intersection Main Street and Upham and Essex Streets. These lights were co-ordinated with lights on Main Street at the Fire Station so that most of the confusion that results when fire apparatus is called out has been eliminated, and the flow of traffic at all times on Main Street is improved. Due to Mayor Lloyds energetic help in handling the project with the State Department of Public Work the City's share of the expense was kept at a minimum.

FORESTRY

The Forestry section of the Highway Division had a very active year in 1957. The early part of the year was devoted to highway clearance. The low branches that overhang the street and constitute a menace to the fire apparatus, trailer trucks and other high vehicles were cut back and brimmed out.

Casualties from the Dutch Elm Disease being high in 1955 and 1956 it was decided to abandon the helicopter dormant spray and do that spraying a well as the successive spraying with our own crew. Some stumps were removed by the compressor method, but many of the trees are left cut flush to the ground. Dutch Elm disease continues to take its toil of our Elms despite all efforts to control the spread of this disease. This past year the City forces removed 42 trees while 118 trees were taken down by contract. To offset this rather disastrous loss of trees we planted a total of 151 trees of various species - 65 of which were planted under contract and 86 by our own crew.

MECHANICAL DIVISION

Burton J. Shaughnessey, Chief Mechanic.

The mechanical division repairs and services all of the City owned vehicles used by the Public Works, Police, School, Wire, Welfare, Plumbing and Building Departments. There are about fifty mobile units and over fifty pieces of miscellaneous equipment to be maintained.

This centralization of equipment has now been in affect for over four years and it has been found to be both efficient and economical.

The new equipment purchased by the Public Works Department in 1957 is as follows:-

1 Cement mixer
5 Large snow plows
1 Oliver backhoe
1 Air compressor
1 TD 14 Shovel dozer

WATER DIVISION

Walter Olson, Assistant Superintendent and Edward Coye, Provisional Foreman.

Water was at a premium during the summer and fall of 1957. The entire northeast section of the country was subjected to one of the most severe droughts in history. Melrose however, was more fortunate than most since we are a part of the Metropolitan System we had no real water shortage and were subject to only minor restrictions. Wakefield on the other hand, had a very serious condition to contend with. Crystal Lake their main water supply was exhausted and the wells which supplement their system were overtaxed to the same point. The town was forced to ask Melrose to take over the Greenwood and Montrose sections and supply these areas from the Melrose system. On June 19th, the water was turned on, feeding approximately 900 families in the Greenwood area and on October 1st, the Montrose section with approximately 300 families was taken over. Wakefield was able to take care of the rest of the town by adding water from Lake Quawannapowitt to the dimished supply.

There were no serious water breaks during the past year but we did have a number of small breaks in the older mains. This problem of renewing all the old pipe, both cement pipe, and unlined cast iron should be given very serious consideration by everyone concerned. A total of 2489 linear feet of new mains were added to our system.

The following table shows the location, size and length of the individual extensions:-

MAIN LINE CONSTRUCTION

Laurel Street	43'	8 "	CL	#286 to end
Sunset Road	275'	8 "	CL	Howard Street to #20
Burnett Street	259'	12"	CL	Sycamore Road to Hunnewell Avenue
Beacon Street	115'	8 "	CL	Temple Street to #31
Shadow Lane	13'	8 "	CL	Washington Street to line
Baldwin Avenue	16'	8 "	CL	" " " "
Ridgewood Lane	1100'	8 "	CL	Upham Street to Altamont Avenue
Willow Street	98'	8 "	CL	Cherry Street southerly
Turnpike	570'	6 "	Iron	Turnpike to dump

TOTAL MAINS LAID - 2489, 570' - 6"...1660' - 8"...259'-12"

The relay program is going forward each year and although in the interest of safety and effeciency it should go ahead much more rapidly, still we can take some satisfaction from the progress we make each year. The following table is the amount of main line relay for 1957:-

MAIN LINE RELAY

Porter Street	523'	10"	CL replacing	6" cement	East St. to Ardsmoor Rd.
East Street	42'	8"	" "	6" iron	Porter St. to line
Beech Avenue	278'	10"	" "	4" cement	Elliott to Malvern St.
Washington St.	856'	10"	" "	10" iron	Goodyear Ave. to Shadow Lane
Granite Street	330'	8"	" "	6" iron	Beech Ave. so. to hydrant
Vista Street	236'	8"	" "	6" iron	Granite St. to #12
Naples Road	526'	8"	" "	6" iron	Lebanon St. to #35
Granite Street	48'	6"	" "	6" iron	#34 to end.
Lincoln Street	660'	8"	" "	6" cement	Porter St. to #71
Beech Avenue	302'	8"	" "	6" cast iron	Granite St. to Wheeler Ave.
Mt. Vernon St.	40'	8"	" "	4" iron	Quimby St. to #48
Porter Street	96'	10"	" "	6" iron	Orchard Lane easterly

TOTAL MAINS RELAID 3437' ... 48 - 6" ... 2136 - 8" ... 1253 - 10"

ADDITIONAL HYDRANTS SET

Washington St. south of Gould Street	6"	Rensselaer
" " north of Crescent Ave.	6"	Rensselaer
Lincoln Street at #71	6"	Rensselaer
Granite Street at #24	6"	Rensselaer
Turnpike at dump	4"	Cory
Ridgewood Lane at #71	6"	Rensselaer
" " " 1st right off of Upham Street	6"	Rensselaer
	7	hydrants

ADDITIONAL GATES SET

Beech Avenue west of Malvern St.	6"	Rensselaer	On hydrant line
Shadow Lane east of Washington St.	8"	"	On main line
Washington Street east of Goodyr Ave.	10"	"	" " "
" " south of Gould St.	6"	"	On hydrant line
" " north of Crescent Ave.	6"	"	" " "
Baldwin Ave. at Washington St.	8"	"	On main line
Ridgewood Lane at Upham St.	8"	A.P.Smith	" " "
" " " #71	6"	Rensselaer	On hydrant line
" " " first right off Upham	6"	"	" " "
Granite Street at #24	6"	"	" " "
" " south of Vista	8"	"	On main line
" " south of Beech Avenue	8"	"	" " "
Mt. Vernon St. at Quimby Street	6"	"	On hydrant line
Porter St. at Ardsmoor Road	6"	"	" " "
Beech Ave. west of Granite Street	8"	"	On main line
Beech Ave. west of Wheeler Avenue	8"	"	" " "
Sunset Road south of Kenmore Road	8"	"	" " "
Turnpike at dump	6"	Chapman	" hydrant line
" " "	6"	"	" main line
" " "	6"	A.P.Smith	On hydrant line
Lincoln Street at #71	6"	" " "	" " "

12 - 6" ... 8 - 8" ... 1 - 10" 21 Gates

WATER DIVISION - GENERAL SUMMARY

2489		Linear feet new mains laid
3437		" " mains relaid
7113		" " services laid
77		New services laid
111		Services in street renewed
55		" " private property renewed
1		" " " " repaired
38		" " " " and street renewed
23		" " street repaired
111		" cleaned
116		" turned off & on repairs. (vacancies,occupancy, and building purposes)
125		Emergency services, leaks investigated
15		Leaks in main line repaired
7496	*	Water services
138		Curb and gate boxes reset
7		Additional hydrants set
21		Additional gates set
567	*	City hydrants
7		Private hydrants
1706	*	Gates on mains
15		" repaired
9		" replaced and reset
12		Hydrants replaced and reset
25		" repaired and painted
100		" flushed
31	*	Fire services - Active 27
102		New meters set on new services
41		" " replace old meters discarded
76		" " " meters to be repaired
150		" " purchased
161		Old Meters repaired
53		" " discarded
69	*	Meters repaired in service
350		Special Meter readings
7449		Meters in service
7		Services abandoned

SEWER-DRAINAGE DIVISION

Division head is Walter Jones, Assistant Superintendent.

The big news for the sewer and drainage division in 1957 was the final blast on December 9th which opened the drainage tunnel under the Malden business section from Winter Street in the Oak Grove area to Charles Street at the Malden River.

This tunnel together with the drainage canal from Winter Street in Oak Grove to the Wyoming Station will solve the drainage problem for that entire water shed. Flooding in the Wyoming section will be a thing of the past, and the Ell Pond drainage area will be beneficially affected. Among those present at the ceremonies at the time of the blast were Mayor Lloyd, Engineer and Superintendent of Public Works-Glen S. Weeks and Representatives Conn, Campbell and Vaitses all from this district.

The new construction in 1957 was somewhat limited since sewer extensions for the most part are made in new streets and developing areas. Development pf the sections within the sewered areas of the City has reach the saturation point, so until we find it feasible to extend our trunk system into those few remaining unsewered areas, new construction will be negligible.

The following is a table of sewer construction for 1957:-

SEWER CONSTRUCTION 1957

Street or Location	From	To	Lin. Ft.	Size of Pipe	No. of M.Hs
Granite St.	Present End	Southerly	50.00	8"	-
Pleasant St.	" "	Southerly	100.00	8"	-
Ridgewood Lane	Upham St.	Altamont Ave.	848.00	8"	5
Sunset Road	Howard St.	Northerly	232.00	8"	2
Baldwin Ave.	Washington St.	Westerly	42.00	8"	1
			1272.00		8

72 Private sewer connections were laid in 1957 making a total of 7456 private sewer connections in operation. There is now a total of 70.69 miles of main sewers in operation in the City of Melrose.

SEWER MAINTENANCE

242	Private sewer blocks cleared
15	House connections dug up and repaired
26	Main sewer blocks cleared
5.5	Miles of main sewers cleaned
2	Pumping Stations maintained

Miscellaneous

277 linear ft. of retaining wall built on Highview Ave. and Sycamore Road.

SURFACE DRAINAGE construction is on the increase, now that we have an adequate outfall in Spot Pond - Ell Pond water shed we will be able to take care of many sore spots in our drainage system. This will be done by increasing the volume, accelerating the run off and making needed extensions. We have started some of these projects and plan many more in the near future.

The following is a table of the Surface Drain Construction for 1957-

SURFACE DRAIN CONSTRUCTION

Street	From and To	Lin. Ft.	Size Kind	Man Hole	Catch Basins
Burnett St.	Grove St. - Southerly	100.00	24" Corg.		
Grove St. Brook	Sycamore Rd. - Westerly	100.00	24" Corg.		
Naples Road	Lebanon St. - Forest St.	710.00	12" RC	5	5
Washington St. Brook	Glen St. via Rt of way-Lynde Ave.	498.00	15" RC 12" Corg.	4	
Albert St.	Stowcroft Rd. - Westerly	100.00	10" Corg.	1	2
Conrad Rd.	Conrad Rd via Rt of way-Pearl St.	208.00	10" Corg.	1	1
Ridgewood Lane	Right of Way - Westerly	390.00	24" RC	3	
" "	" " " - Easterly	425.00	12" Corg.	3	4
Mt. Vernon St.	Present End -Easterly to QuimbySt.	80.00	12" RC		
Sylvan St. (French drain)	Low Point- Westerly	150.00	8" Corg.		

SURFACE DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE

Street	From	To	Lin. Ft.	Size & Kind	M.H. Rebuilt	C.B.Rebuilt
Sanford St.	Whittier St.	Westerly	125.00	10" corg.	2	2

1500 catch basins cleaned.

BROOKS CLEANED

Crescent Ave Brook	Gould St. to main brook
Spot Pond Brook	Stoneham line to Whittier St.
Spot Pond-Ell Pond B.	Wyoming Stat. to Malden Line
Greenwood St. Brook	Highland Sta. to Wakefield line
Melrose St. Brook	Melrose St. to culvert at rear of 89 Albion St.

ELL POND IMPROVEMENT

This year we were able to take a long stride ahead in the development of Ell Pond Park. Mayor Lloyd was the driving force in bringing this about. Under his direction the ground was stabilized and the new hockey rink was erected, also a considerable area from Tremont Street to the knoll was graded and grasses over.

On the Main Street side of the pond, a very dangerous condition was corrected with the help of the State Public Works Department under Chapter 91 of the General Laws.

Mayor Lloyd took advantage of this section of the law which allows the State Public Works Department to give assistance to the towns and cities for projects that in their opinion affect the safety and well being of the general public. Mayor Lloyd pointed out to the Stat authorities, that due to the dangerous condition of this retaining wall along the shore of the pond from the old boat house to the boat landing, a portion of Main Street could be undermined. His opinion was substanciated and the pro ject was undertaken. We now have that section of the pond shore line protected with a very sightly job of ripraping.

We have also started the dike from the bath house to the Legion Bungalow, when this is completed we will be able to reclaim the land between the dike and the Parkway in the same manner as we have that area west of the knoll.

PINE BANKS PARK

Pine Banks Park is not, strictly speaking, a Melrose enterprise however, the city does pay a share of the expense and we also render the commission services when called upon. This past summer we took over a major project of developing a soft ball field with the proper lighting and other necessary equipment for night ball. The project was supposed to be a joint endeavor shared by Malden and Melrose but with the lack of interest on the part of Malden, Mayor Lloyd decided to take a hand in the matter and it was through his efforts that Suburban Electric, the Telephone Company, the Melrose Public Works Department and the Board of Aldermen joined together and put the project over.

Since the City has now abandoned its use of the Pine Banks Dump in favor of the new disposal area on the Newburyport Turnpike, we hope that that bone of contention has finally come to a satisfactory conclusion.

PLAYGROUNDS

The Public Works Department was called upon to give assistance to the Park Department in the development of Conant playground and the Hesseltine Avenue playground. Fill was delivered and spread, loam was arranged for and rough graded and drainage was provided where needed. Although these projects are not yet completed, the children are able to use them and another year will see them successfully concluded.

SCHOOL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

The completion of the Decius Beebe School and the award of the contract for a six room addition to the Roosevelt School is another step toward the completion of our school building program. The Beebe School was completed and officially turned over to the School Department in March of 1957, this was only 13 months after the day the contract was awarded. A very good record by both the contractor and by the Public Works Department.

Daily inspection, and conciousness of cost has both speeded the work and reduced the entire expenditures.

The contractor for the Beebe School was the Concrete Construction Company of Everett Mass., and the Architect was the firm of Waltz and Kimberly of Melrose.

The Contractor building the addition to the Roosevelt School is Norman Foster of Lynn, Mass. and the Architect is the firm of Valtz and Kimberly of Melrose.

INSURANCE

The City has decided to become a self insurer as far as Workman's Compensation is concerned. This departure from our previous practice of insuring with some major casualty company has been decided after considerable discussion and on the excellant advise given to us by both Mr. Gove, our casualty insurance advisor, and Alderman Copeland who is considered an expert in this field of insurance.

This new venture will require the services of an adjustment agent and the necessary appropriation, the amount of which is to be determined by the Mayor and Superintendent of Public Works after a very enlightening conference with the current adjustment agent in Winchester Mass. Winchester has handled this type of self-insurance for some time and found it to be very successful and they are only too happy to lend us a helping hand in organizing our system, Alderman Copeland also will lend a guiding hand in getting us off to a proper start.

STREET LIGHTING

For several years the question of improved street lighting on Main Street had been under consideration but since Wakefield and Malden have brought their Main Street lighting to the voundaries between their communities and ours, it was evident for safety reasons that we should take immediate steps to improve our own. Studies and conferences were held with representatives of the Suburban Electric Company, the Mayor and members of the Board of Aldermen together with your City Engineer resulting in the electric company being given the go ahead to start the lighting improvement at the Wakefield line and continuing southerly to Porter Street. It was possible during 1957 to get only as far as Franklin Square and the Electric Company proposes to continue right a long with the balance of the work and it is in the minds of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that the completion of the Main Street improved lighting should be done during 1958.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

CITY OF MELROSE
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, MASS.

Location	7 miles north of Boston
Population January 1, 1957	29713
Number of Voters	16026
Greatest extent of City, east and west	2.85 miles
Greatest extent of City, north and south	2.44 miles
Valuation of Real Estate	46,757,800
Valuation of Personal Property	3,584,400
Tax Rate per thousand	59.80
Area of City:	
Land	3,079.50 acres
Water	35.50 acres
Length of Public Streets	66.69
Length of Private Streets	9.75
Length of Water Mains	81.25
Length of Sewer Mains	70.70
Range of pressure on mains	23-96 lbs.
Number of 1000 Lumen Incandescent lights ANOH	1201
Number of 1000 Lumen Incandescent lights ANUG	4
Number of 2500 Lumen Incandescent lights ANOH	72
Number of 2500 Lumen Incandescent lights ANUG	1
Number of 6000 Lumen Incandescent lights ANOH	29
Number of 6000 Lumen Incandescent lights ANUG	38
Number of 10000 Lumen Indandescent lights MNUG	1
Number of 11000 Lumen Mercury Vapor Lights ANUG	2
Number of 11000 Lumen Mercury Vapor lights ANOH	2
Number of 15000 Lumen Mercury Vapor lights ANUG	86
Number of 15000 Lumen Mercury Vapor lights MNUG	1
Number of 15000 Lumen Mercury Vapor lights ANOH	14
Number of 20000 Lumen Mercury Vapor lights ANOH	8

Area of Parks:	
Bowden Park	.62
Colby Park	.90
Ell Pond Park	34.41
Horace Mann Park	.60
Lebanon Street Playground	.95
Lincoln School Playground	1.60
Melrose Common	4.40
Messengers Meadow Playground	2.89
Middlesex Fells	170.00
Mount Hood	225.00
Pine Banks	81.80
Sewall Woods Park	9.00
Conant Park	4.80
Wyoming Cemetery	43.50

Elevation, Main Street at City Hall - 61 feet above mean tide.
Elevation, Franklin Square - 85 feet above mean tide.

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I would like to extend my personal thanks to the Mayor, Board of Aldermen, the men and women in my department and the many others whose splendid cooperation has contributed a pleasant and successful year.

Glen S. Weeks
Engineer and Superintendent
Public Works Department

REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION

To His Honor, the Mayor and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen
City of Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The Recreation Commission respectfully submits its report for the year 1957.

Present membership and organization: John T. Brady, Chairman; Margaret Restall, Clerk; Herbert R. Corey, Lewis H. Keith, John M. Kirk, Howard R. True, one vacancy.

Participation--the number of people engaged in activities and those enjoying them as spectators--is the best measure of the effectiveness and value of the city's tax-supported recreation program and public approval of it, and the figures for 1957 are impressive.

A special study of activity appeal in the appended report of the Recreation Director reveals a grand total of almost 91,000 participating in activities which attracted 23,500 spectators.

Although these figures are a source of great satisfaction to the Commission, they realize the need of constant expansion and improvement of the program to meet the desires of all age groups, and so take the initiative in sponsoring new activities each year as funds become available.

Several new activities started during 1957 included:
A girls' softball league, softball for women, badminton for adults and instruction in the game for youngsters, outdoor archery for children in summer and an indoor archery school for them in winter, a junior archery tournament and a girls' junior tennis team.

These raised the number of different activities in the Melrose program to 31, but several more additions proposed for 1958 are listed in the Director's report. One of these is a summer playground program on the site of the razed Gooch School and the Washington School.

Early in the year, at the request of His Honor, the Mayor, this Commission undertook a survey to get factual information helpful in resolving these questions:

1. Are the services of a full-time recreation director needed now to utilize existing facilities to best advantage?
2. Should authority for conducting the tax-supported recreation program revert to the Park Department?
3. What would be the approximate cost of a year-round program under a full-time director?

Full-time directors' programs in sixteen other Massachusetts cities and towns comparable to Melrose in size were studied to determine operating authority, salary of director, total and per capita operating costs and scope of activities. (See factual chart in director's report.)

As a result of this survey, this Commission submitted the following recommendations:

"1. That a full-time director be employed when facilities are available so that he can earn his salary.

2. That a long range plan to provide such facilities be started.

3. That the managing authority remain unchanged."

On the question of the cost of a year-round program under a full-time director, the Commission submitted this finding:

"The approximate cost of a year-round program under a full-time director with adequate facilities so that he might earn his salary would be about $25,000 based on an 89 cents per capita median; whereas, the total operating cost of the present Melrose program, including part-time director's salary, is $13,394 or 47 cents per capita."

Gratefully acknowledged is the fine public service of the Melrose Hickory Hawks Ski Club and the Melrose Archers in providing instructors for the skiing and archery classes respectively, and the large number of volunteers who served as team managers, coaches, supervisors, etc. in the several leagues.

Hearty co-operation of His Honor, The Mayor, the Honorable Board of Aldermen, the Park Department and the School Department is also deeply appreciated.

The report of the Director of Recreation follows.

Respectfully submitted
for the
Recreation Commission,

John T. Brady

John T. Brady
Chairman

Mr. John T. Brady, Chairman
and Members of the Melrose
Recreation Commission

Gentlemen: Presenting my annual report for the year 1957.

1957 ANNUAL REPORT

The recreation program has grown steadily in scope during the past year to include the following activities and events:

Summer Season:

1. Six playgrounds with a male and female leader on each. Typical activities, leagues, and tournaments.
2. A handcraft shop with a trained supervisor assisted by staff members.
3. Men's softball league - 9 teams, 153 games, largest number of games in the state.
*4. Women's softball league.
*5. Archery club and archery instruction.
6. Trips of various sorts - beach, baseball, etc.
7. Tennis program of instruction.
8. Boys' baseball - 6 team league.
*9. Girls' softball - 6 team league.
10. Boys' (N.E.J.T.L.) tennis team.
*11. Girls' junior tennis team.
12. Handcraft exhibition and contest.
13. Boys' field day of champions.
14. Girls' field day of champions.
15. July Fourth celebration.
16. Operation of buses taking children to Swimming Pool for fifty-five days.
17. Pet show.
18. Doll carriage, costume, and bicycle parade.
*19. Badminton instruction.
*20. Special dedication lighted field.
21. Proposed - bait casting club.

Fall Season:

1. Continuing of Men's Softball League and playoffs.
*2. Charity "All-Star" games (Softball) Jimmy Fund.
3. City-wide tennis tournaments for boys and girls to sixteen years of age - singles and doubles.
4. Proposed - playground program of eight weeks after school.
5. Proposed - continuing a handcraft program.

Fall and Winter Season:

1. Hallowe'en observance for children and "teen-agers" of city.
2. High School age boys' inter-church basketball league.
3. High School age girls' inter-church basketball league.
4. Ski school.
5. Archery - indoor, adults.
*6. Archery - indoor, children.
*7. Badminton for adults.
8. Proposed for 1958 - Square dancing night.
9. Proposed for 1958 - Weight-lifting for older teenage boys.
10. Proposed for 1958 - Bridge club and tournaments.
11. Drama club or little theater group.
12. Under study, Senior Citizens' Club.
13. Proposed for 1958 - Christmas caroling.

Spring:

1. Proposed - playground program of eight weeks after school.

*New programs in 1957.

The following study of the year's activities brings forcibly to mind how far reaching are the direct and the indirect effects of the program.

In the second column are included figures showing a count of participants per session. Naturally, this represents the same person several times in the number of possible sessions.

In estimating spectators, sometimes it is impossible to get an accurate count. However, a fairly close estimate by sampling is possible in many cases. It should be noted that when school facilities, such as gymnasiums, are used, spectators are not permitted to watch activities except once each month, by special permission, at the High School for basketball.

I have included a column headed "Help needed" to bring out that such a program could not be run without much assistance.

Eight activities are proposed as indicated. The figures are estimated.

SPECIAL STUDY OF ACTIVITIES

1 Activity	2 Attend.	3 Spect'rs	4 Help Needed	5 Sessions	6 Facilities Used
Playgrounds	23,747		13 leaders	45 days	6 playgrounds
Buses to MDC Pool	27,148			55 days	MDC Pool
Basketball - Boys	1,480	2,000	18 mgrs. & coaches	38 sess.	38 gymnasiums
Basketball - Girls	1,450	1,500	16 mgrs. & coaches	30 sess.	30 gymnasiums
Badminton - Junior	70		1 leader	7 sess.	7 gymnasiums
Badminton - Adult	300		1 leader	20 sess.	20 gymnasiums
Archery-Indoor-Jr.	815		9 instructors	23 sess.	23 gymnasiums
Archery-Indoor-Sr.	732		Self run	41 sess.	41 gymnasiums
Archery-Outdoor-Jr.	120		1 instructor	9 sess.	9 ranges
Archery-Outdoor-Sr.	2,342		Self run	7 months	92 ranges
Tennis - Classes	560		3 instruc. 1 Sup.	16 weeks	96 courts
Tennis Team - Boys	64		1 coach & Mgr.	8 matches	45 courts
Tennis Team - Girls	80		1 coach & mgr.	8 matches	40 courts
Softball - Men	1,836	15,300	9 mgrs. & coaches	153 games	53 diamonds
Softball - Women	100	600	1 mgr. & coach	4 games	4 diamonds
Softball-Spec. games	48	2,000	2 managers	2 games	2 diamonds
Softball - Girls	360	200	6 mgrs. & coaches	30 games	30 diamonds
Baseball - Boys (A)	144		6 mgrs. & coaches	6 games	6 diamonds
Baseball - Boys (B)	360	250	6 mgrs. & coaches	30 games	30 diamonds
Tournaments:					
Tennis	48		2 supervisors	7 days	46 courts
Checkers	6		1 supervisor	2 days	2 rooms
Horseshoes	18		1 supervisor	2 days	2 playgrounds
Archery	18		1 supervisor	1 day	1 range
Croquet	18		1 supervisor	1 day	1 field
Field Day - Boys	150	100	9 leaders	1 day	1 field
Field Day - Girls	150	100	9 leaders	1 day	1 field
Pet Show	68	300		1 day	1 field
Doll Carriage Parade	24	300	14 leaders & judges	1 day	1 field
Bicycle Parade	30			1 day	1 field
Costume Parade	86			1 day	1 field
Stagemobile		900	7 leaders	1 day	1 field
Ski School	675		18 instructors	9 sess.	Mt. Hood 9
Handcraft Exhibition	200	250	5 instructors	1 sess.	1 room
Handcraft Shop	1,749		2 instructors	40 sess.	40 rooms
Hallowe'en	1,600		25 assist. & judges	1 sess.	1 Mem. Hall & 1 Parking Lot
July Fourth	800		10 leaders	2 sess.	1 auditorium
Totals	90,963	23,550			

NEW ACTIVITIES PROPOSED, 1958

Bridge Club	Self Organization	20 weeks	20 Util. rooms
Bait Casting Club	1 leader	100 days	100 Cast. spots
Christmas Caroling			
Drama	Self Organization	28-30 eve.	28 auditoriums
Handcraft throughout year	1 instructor	60 sess.	60 shops or rooms
Skating & winter sports	5-6 Vol. Leaders	Seasonal	? rinks & slopes
Square Dancing	1 instructor	10 eves.	10 Util. Rooms
Weight Lifting	1 instructor	72 eves.	72 rooms

STUDY OF PLAYGROUND ATTENDANCE

Playground	Boys	Boys' Av.	Girls	Girls' Av.	Total	Daily Av.
Common	3,740	89	2,807	66.8	6,547	155.8
Conant	2,016	48	1,418	33.7	3,434	81.7
Hesseltine	1,951	46.5	1,478	35.2	3,429	81.7
Lebanon	1,648	39.5	1,364	32.5	3,012	72.0
Lincoln	1,910	45.5	1,753	41.7	3,663	87.2
Messengers	2,348	56	1,524	36.3	3,872	92.3

Comparative Daily Averages

	1952		1953		1954		1955		1956		1957
Common	2	95	1	117	1	170.1	1	151.2	1	219.5	1	155.7
Conant	3	56	5	64	6	74.5	6	54.7	6	53.3	4	81.7
Hesseltine	4	51	4	68	4	93.4	2	97.5	4	95.5	4	81.7
Lebanon	5	49	3	76	3	95.9	4	92.3	3	99.4	6	72.0
Lincoln	1	115	2	101	2	115.1	5	91.6	5	79.3	3	87.2
Messengers	6	45	6	60	5	91.2	3	95.3	2	123.5	2	92.3

HANDCRAFT SHOP ATTENDANCE

	1956	Daily Av.	1957	Daily Av.
Handcraft Shop Total	1,483.4	37.7	1,749	47.27

BUSES TO M. D. C. POOL - 1957

Daily Average	494 for fifty-five days			
Total Passengers	27,148			
Tags Issued	1954	1955	1956	1957
	1,746	855	752	949

STUDY OF RECREATION EXPENDITURES
IN MELROSE AND COMPARATIVE CITIES OF MASSACHUSETTS

City	Pop.	Managing Authority	Director's Salary	Current Operating Exp. (Excl. of Maint.)	Cost per capita	Number of Activities
Arlington	47,700	Park & Rec. Comm.	$4,778.00	$36,268.00	$.72	15
Belmont	30,000	Rec. Commission	2,800.00	29,910.00	1.00	35
Beverly	31,395	Rec. Commission	4,300.00	26,162.00	.83	20
Dedham	23,000	Rec. Commission	4,500.00	19,000.00	.83	50
Framingham	36,000	Park Commission	5,243.00	30,000.00	.83	35
Fitchburg	44,000	Rec. Commission	4,500.00	28,500.00	.65	40
Gardner	21,000	Rec. Commission	4,000.00	13,000.00	.62	15
Gloucester	26,000	Public Works Dept.	4,400.00	10,000.00	.39	12
Marlborough	18,500	Rec. Commission	4,850.00	15,300.00	.83	50
Natick	26,000	Rec. Commission	4,800.00	32,000.00	1.23	9
Norwood	23,000	Selectmen	5,668.00	29,000.00	1.26	15
Peabody	26,682	Park Department	4,160.00	38,000.00	1.43	12
Revere	40,000	Youth Commission		32,000.00	.80	36
Watertown	40,000	Rec. Commission	5,460.00	35,090.00	.88	60
Wellesley	23,000	Rec. Commission	7,022.00	36,500.00	1.59	40
Melrose	28,500	Rec. Commission	2,400.00	13,394.30	.47	31

RECREATION COMMISSION

FINANCIAL STATEMENT - 1957

Salaries and Wages		
Appropriated		$8,319.30
Expenditures	$8,123.54	
Balance	195.76	
Other Expenses		
Appropriated		2,420.00
Expenditures	2,395.14	
Balance	24.86	
Celebrations		
Appropriated		600.00
Expenditures	502.42	
Balance	97.58	
(July Fourth, Hallowe'en)		
Buses to Swimming Pool		
Appropriated		1,980.00
Expenditures	1,980.00	
Balance	-o-	
Transportation - Director		
Appropriated		75.00
Expenditures	66.10	
Balance	8.90	

I would like to take this opportunity to thank His Honor, the Mayor, the Honorable Aldermen, members of the Recreation Commission, and members of many other departments and citizens who have most generously given of their time in assisting in the different recreation events.

Respectfully submitted,

C. V. Tousley

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Recreation Director

REPORT OF THE REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

January 31, 1958

To His Honor, the Mayor, and
the Honorable Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The report of the Board of Registrars of Voters for the year 1957 is herewith submitted.

As required by law, the Registrars caused lists to be made of all persons twenty years of age and older found to be residing in Melrose on January 1, 1957. The number so listed was as follows:-

1-1	1-2	2-1	2-2	3-1	3-2	4-1	4-2	5-1	5-2
1,163	1,240	1,713	1,759	1,169	1,222	1,219	1,530	1,370	1,717

6-1	6-2	7-1	7-2	7-3	TOTAL
1,300	1,203	1,071	1,290	838	19,804

Concurrently with the annual listing a determination was made on the total population of Melrose as of January 1, 1957, as follows:

1-1	1-2	2-1	2-2	3-1	3-2	4-1	4-2	5-1	5-2
1,777	1,876	2,562	2,514	1,741	1,860	1,684	2,317	2,017	2,522

6-1	6-2	7-1	7-2	7-3	TOTAL
1,964	1,818	1,697	2,047	1,317	29,713

Lists containing the names of all male persons twenty years of age and older found by the Registrars to be residing in Melrose on January 1, 1957, to the number indicated below, were transmitted to the Assessors, as required by law:-

1-1	1-2	2-1	2-2	3-1	3-2	4-1	4-2	5-1	5-2
522	550	792	795	534	561	487	694	636	791

6-1	6-2	7-1	7-2	7-3	TOTAL
586	559	500	612	397	9,616

Questionnaires were sent to 225 female persons and to 300 male persons for the purpose of determining their qualifications for jury service. From the replies to these questionnaires received 145 female persons and 228 male persons, making a total of 373, were found to be qualified and their names were included in the jury list.

The names of 159 enrolled voters of the Democratic party and 134 enrolled voters of the Republican party were determined by the Registrars to be those of persons qualified for service as election officers, and a list containing the names of such persons was transmitted to His Honor, the Mayor, as required by law.

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Applications for registration for voting were received during regular business hours, except for periods preceding the presidential primaries, state primaries and state election when registration was required by law to cease, and at seventeen special evening sessions. During the year the names of 336 persons were added to the general and current annual registers of voters.

The names of 1,028 persons found to be no longer qualified to vote by reason of removal from the city, death or other causes were stricken from the register of voters.

The number of persons whose names were included in the current annual register of voters as of December 31, 1957, was:-

1-1	1-2	2-1	2-2	3-1	3-2	4-1	4-2	5-1	5-2
1,002	1,017	1,440	1,447	997	988	938	1,330	1,113	1,284

6-1	6-2	7-1	7-2	7-3	TOTAL
982	1,021	881	1,091	608	16,139

In addition, 47 residents of Melrose serving in the armed forces were qualified, either on direct application or on application of their kindred, for voting by absent voting ballot at the state election, making the total of duly registered and qualified voters as of December 31, 1957, 16,186.

Signatures appearing on nomination papers of candidates to be voted for at the city election were certified as being those of duly registered and qualified voters of the city of Melrose, signed in the manner prescribed by law, to the number of 3,154.

Signatures appearing on initiative petitions for act providing for annual adjustment of pensions and retirement allowances payable to persons engaged in gainful occupations after retirement for disability were certified as being those of duly registered and qualified voters of the city of Melrose, signed in the manner prescribed by law, to the number of 948.

The names of 149 persons making application for absent voting ballots for the city election, including 124 persons serving in the armed forces, from whom, or in whose behalf, applications for official war ballots were received, were certified as being those of duly registered or qualified voters of the city of Melrose.

The total number of sessions held by the Registrars of Voters during the year 1957 was 23.

The sum of $575.00 was received for 575 copies of the Street Lists, at $1.00 each, sold during the year.

Edward J. Murphy, Chairman

Charles E. Holt

Fergus W. Griffin

Raymond H. Greenlaw, Clerk

BOARD OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

REPORT OF THE CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD

To His Honor the Mayor and the Honorable Board of Aldermen,
City Hall, Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The Retirement Board of the Contributory Retirement System of the City of Melrose respectfully submits its 21st Annual Report covering the transactions of the System for the year ended December 31, 1957.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur M. Goddard Chairman

Robert L. Hutchinson

Walter Jones Secretary

CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT SYSTEM
CITY OF MELROSE

Statement of Income and Disbursements
for the year ended December 31, 1957

Amount of Ledger Assets Dec. 31,1956			$635,516.32
	INCOME		
From Members:			
Regular Contributions			
Group A	$37,144.69		
Group B	17,221.80	$54,366.49	
Voluntary additional Contributions			
Group A	810.37	810.37	
Late entry payments	none		
Re-deposits			
Group A	424.54		
Group B	128.42	552.96	
From employer:			
Contributions to pension Fund	48,715.00		
Contribution for expenses	1,750.00	50,465.00	
Due from governmental unit for Military Service Credit		137.96	
Pension reimbursements from other Systems		839.42	
From interest:			
-Gross interest on bonds and dividends on stocks, less 557.55 accrued int. on bonds acquired during the year	17,563.22		
-Gross interest on cooperative shares less 9.00 accrued interest on shares acquired during the year	4,042.20		
-Gross interest on deposits in trust companies & banks	625.00	22,230.42	
Accrued interest on bonds Dec. 31, 1957		4,775.81	
From other sources		14,971.67	
Gross increase by adjustment of Ledger Assets:			
Bonds by amortization	113.77		
Stocks per Schedule 2	164.00	277.77	
Total Income			145,427.87
	TOTAL AVAILABLE RECEIPTS		$ 784,944.19

Amount Brought Forward		$784,944.19
DISBURSEMENTS		
Annuity Payments:		
Regular		3,130.81
Ordinary and accidentsl disability		666.91
Additional on account of voluntary contributions		211.44
Annuity payments to beneficiaries of deceased annuitants under Opt. (d)		857.78
Pension payments:		
Option (a)	5,992.65	
Option (b)	26,725.17	
Option (c)	1,523.31	34,241.13
Survivorship payments:		
Option (d)		4,289.00
Disability pension payments:		
Ordinary	1,258.44	
Accidental	17,915.98	19,174.42
Pension reimbursement paid to other systems:		93.56
Refunds:		
Withdrawals from Annuity Savings Fund:		
Deaths	none	
All Others Gr. A	6,354.20	
Gr.B	380.93	6,735.13
Transfers of members' accounts to other systems		
Group A		40.83
Administrative Expenses:		
Salaries	1,000.00	
Printing & Office Supplies	162.24	
Postage,telephone, etc.	45.53	
Furniture, Fixtures, etc.	248.16	
Travel	139.31	
Safe Dep. rent,premium on bonds	57.50	1,652.74
Accrued interest on onds Dec. 31, 1956		4,231.22
Gross loss on sale or maturity of ledger assets:		
Bonds		45.18
Gross decrease by adjustment of ledger assets:		
Bonds by amortization	217.01	
Stocks per schedule 2	6,273.60	6,490.61
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		81,860.76
Balance		$ 703,083.43

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1957

ASSETS			LIABILITIES	
Book Value of Bonds	486,257.02		Annuity Savings Fund	$481,664.66
Stocks	62,133.00	548,390.02	Annuity Reserve Fund	63,252.42
Book Value of Coop. Shares		130,000.00	Special Fund for Military Service	6,406.47
Deposits in Trust companies and Banks		19,779.64	Pension Fund	135,887.15
Accrued interest on bonds		4,775.81	Expense Fund	901.06
Due from City for Military Service Fund		137.96	Loan	14,971.67
TOTAL LEDGER ASSETS		$ 703,083.43	TOTAL LIABILITIES	$ 703,083.43

SCHEDULE OF BONDS DECEMBER 31,1957

Government	Due	Percent	Book Value Dec. 31, 1957
U. S. Savings, Series G	Feb. 1958	2½	$,5000.00
" " " "	July 1958	"	7,000.00
" " " "	Sept.1958	"	5,000.00
" " " "	Dec. 1958	"	5,000.00
" " " "	Feb. 1959	"	24,000.00
" " " "	Nov. 1959	"	4,000.00
" " " "	Oct. 1959	"	5,000.00
" " " "	July 1959	"	3,000.00
" " " "	Feb. 1959	"	5,000.00
" " " "	Feb. 1960	"	25,000.00
" " " "	Dec. 1960	"	5,000.00
" " " "	Jan. 1961	"	3,000.00
" " " "	Oct. 1961	"	5,000.00
" " Treasury	Nov. 1961	"	7,877.80
" " Series G	Sept.1963	"	6,000.00
" " " K	Feb. 1967	2.76	10,000.00
The twelve Federal Land Banks	Sept.1972	3-7/8	5,970.00
Int'l. Bank for Rec. & Dev.	July 1972	3	9,010.41
" " " " " (Temp.)	May 1978	4¼	9,878.98
Total Governments			$ 149,737.19

Railroads

Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe	Oct. 1995	4	5,346.69
Chesapeake & Ohio Railway	Mar. 1992	4½	6,003.46
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy	Aug. 1985	3-1/8	4,018.31
Erie Railroad Co.	Oct. 1964	3¼	5,103.21
Great Northern Railway Co.	Jan. 2010	2-5/8	6,758.62
" " " "	Jan. 2000	3-1/8	6,959.27
Lexington & Eastern Rwy.	Apr. 1965	5	5,379.97
Louisville & Nashville R.R.	Apr. 2003	2-7/8	4,937.42
N.Y. Central & Hudson River	July 1997	3½	14,778.92
Northern Pacific Railway Co.	Jan. 1997	4	9,961.13
Oregon-Washington R.R.	Oct. 1960	3	5,028.79
Reading Co., R.R.	May 1995	3-1/8	5,005.76
Southern Pacific R.R.	Jan. 1986	2-7/8	5,082.20
" " "	Jan. 1996	2-3/4	5,000.00
St. Louis, SanFrancisco Rwy.	Jan. 1997	4	7,357.08
Texas & Pacific Railway Co.	June 2000	5	3,276.92
Virginian Railway Co.	May 1995	3	5,290.58
Total Railroads			$ 105,288.73

SCHEDULE OF BONDS DECEMBER 31, 1957
(Continued)

Utilities	Due	Percent	Book Value Dec. 31, 1957
Arkansas Power and Light	Apr. 1985	3-3/8	$5,066.85
Boston Edison Co.	Dec. 1970	2-3/4	4,056.67
" " "	Apr. 1980	2-3/4	5,109.03
Central Maine Power Co.	May 1976	2-3/4	5,072.11
Commonwealth Edison	Mar. 1987	4¼	4,917.57
Consolidated Edison of N. Y.	June 1972	2-3/4	4,894.74
" " " "	Jan. 1984	3-3/8	5,207.77
Cons.Gas,Elec.Lt.&Power-Baltimore	Jan. 1986	2-3/4	5,056.95
Consumer Power Co.	Oct. 1987	2-3/4	10,889.65
The Detroit Edison Co.	Nov. 1976	3-3/8	5,217.12
Duquesne Light Co.	Aug. 1977	2-3/4	5,068.31
Idaho Power Co.	Nov. 1987	4-3/4	10,677.15
Indianapolis Power & Light	Oct. 1979	2-7/8	5,168.17
Jersey Central Power & Light	July 1987	5	5,023.14
Mystic Valley Gas Co.	Nov. 1977	6	5,098.71
Northern Indiana Public Service	Aug. 1973	3-1/8	4,071.97
Ohio Power Co.	Oct. 1968	3-1/4	5,104.74
Pacific Gas & Electric Co.	Dec. 1980	2-7/8	5,201.00
" " " "	Dec. 1985	3-3/8	5,049.76
Pennsylvania Electric Co.	June 1983	4-1/8	5,026.40
Public Service Co. of N. H.	Jan. 1973	3¼	5,261.60
Public Service Elect. & Gas Co.	May 1980	2-3/4	5,066.94
Southern California Edison	Sept.1965	3	5,076.73
" " "	Feb. 1976	2-7/8	4,926.79
West Penn. Power Co.	Jan. 1966	3¼	5,017.35
Wisconsin Pub. Service Corp.	Jan. 1971	3¼	5,167.30
" " " "	Aug. 1971	3¼	5,195.85
American Tel. & Tel. Co.	Apr. 1982	2-3/4	9,808.38
Illinois Bell Tel.	Jan. 1981	2-3/4	9,915.27
Mountain States Tel. & Tel. Co.	May 1986	2-5/8	4,987.50
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	Mar. 1974	3	5,195.31
" " " " "	Dec. 1977	3¼	5,000.00
New Jersey Bell Tel.	July 1988	3-1/8	5,237.14
New York Tel. Co.	July 1982	2-3/4	9,755.50
Northwestern Bell Tel. Co.	June 1984	2-3/4	4,677.31
Pacific Tel. & Tel. Co.	Oct. 1986	2-7/8	5,163.87
" " " "	Nov. 1979	3¼	4,915.26
Southern Bell Tel. & Tel. Co.	July 1979	3	4,830.36
" " " " "	July 1987	2-7/8	5,208.40
Southwestern Bell Tel. Co.	Oct. 1985	2-3/4	9,846.83
Total Utilities			231,231.50

Total Governments	$149,737.19
Total Railroads	105,288.33
Total Utilities	231,231.50
	486,257.02

SCHEDULE OF STOCKS - DECEMBER 31, 1957

	No. of Shares	Market Value Dec. 31,1957
Bank of America, San Francisco, Cal.	150	$4,950.00
The Chase Manhattan Bank, New York	100	4,900.00
The First National Bank, Boston, Mass.	216	14,256.00
Guaranty Trust Co., New York	120	8,280.00
Manufacturers Trust Co., New York	100	4,100.00
Merchants National Bank of Boston	100	3,900.00
" " " "	16	624.00
Middlesex County National Bank, Everett,Mass.	105	4,830.00
" " " " " "	13	598.00
National Shawmut Bank, Boston, Mass.	120	4,800.00
New England Trust Co.	100	3,100.00
Newton Waltham Bank & Trust Co.	50	2,050.00
Second Bank-State Street Trust Co.,Boston,Mass.	45	2,970.00
Security Trust Co., Lynn, Mass.	37	2,775.00
Total Stocks		62,133.00

SCHEDULE OF COOPERATIVE BANK SHARES

	No. of Shares	Book Value- Dec. 31, 1957
Beverly Cooperative Bank	10	$2,000.00
Cape Cod " "	50	10,000.00
Concord " "	80	16,000.00
Hyannis " "	10	2,000.00
Malden " "	10	2,000.00
" " "	10	2,000.00
" " "	10	2,000.00
" " "	30	6,000.00
" " "	20	4,000.00
Mattapan " "	10	2,000.00
" " "	10	2,000.00
Meeting House Cooperative Bank	20	4,000.00
" " " "	10	2,000.00
Melrose Cooperative Bank	10	2,000.00
" " "	20	4,000.00
" " "	20	4,000.00
" " "	30	6,000.00
Merchants Cooperative Bank	20	4,000.00
Middleborough Cooperative Bank	10	2,000.00
Saugus Cooperative Bank	80	16,000.00
Stoneham " "	10	2,000.00
Wakefield " "	80	16,000.00
Waverly " "	80	16,000.00
Wellesley " "	10	2,000.00
Total Cooperative Bank Shares		130,000.00

CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD

MEMBERS RETIRED IN YEAR 1957

Name	Former Position	Date Retired
Emily E. Sheridan (Ben. of Frank J. Sheridan)	Laborer	1/27/57
Malcolm G. Fillmore	Bldg. Commissioner	6/30/57

RETIRED MEMBERS DECEASED IN 1957

Charles H. Shattuck	Janitor	6/30/39
Everard Martin	Laborer	6/29/41
George L. Stewart	Call Fireman	12/3/41
Victor H. Kirmes	Laborer	11/28/44

RETIRED MEMBERS AS OF DEC. 31, 1957

Arthur A. Hayden	Board of Health	12/19/38
Ralph Hallahan	Truck Driver	10/20/40
Arthur H. Bright	Janitor	10/ 8/42
Bertha C. Lapham	Clerk	6/ 5/44
Fred C. Fellows	Call Fireman	4/ 1/46
Philip C. Cassell	Laborer	5/ 3/46
George H. Cray	Superintendent	6/ 1/46
Eugene F. McCarthy	foreman	4/ 3/46
Arthur J. Burke	Laborer	1/22/47
Paul V. DeFranco	Patrolman	5/ 5/47
Lillian B. Warren	Clerk	3/31/48
John E. Grace	Laborer	6/30/48
Ethel M. Hewson	Secretary	10/1/48
M. Eileen Dunlay	Clerk	9/15/48
George K. Lyons	Patrolman	9/25/48
Mary E. Ayers	Librarian	9/ 1/49
Michael Fahey	Laborer	7/31/50
Emily N. Osgood	Clerk	12/1/50
Elsie M. Ashmead	School Nurse	1/ 1/51
Julia A. Sullivan, Ben. of Julian T. Sullivan	Working Foreman	2/21/51
Clifton E. Bain	Fireman	11/8/51
Charles E. Van Riper	Senior Custodian	11/28/51
Fred C. Solberg	Laborer	2/29/52
Margaret M. Welch	Clerk	5/31/52
Harvey L. McGilley	Laborer	6/ 2/52
Paul W. Watson	Fireman	9/30/52
Janette L. Graham	Bookkeeper	2/ 6/53
Mary E. Donovan, Ben. of Edward J. Donovan	City Auditor	6/30/53
Astrid J. Abrahmson	Cafeteria Helper	7/14/53
Harry P. Lord	Laborer	1/ 9/54
Martin J. Armstrong	Working Foreman	2/27/54
Robert B. Toomey	Firefighter	4/ 3/54
Harry Leary	Laborer	4/ 9/54
William Damory	Tree Foreman	5/ 7/54
Wesley H. Murray	Sealer of W. & M.	5/31/54
James R. Findley	Foreman	9/15/54
Genevieve C. Walden, Ben. of Henry C. Walden	Lineman	10/1/54
Helen Coye, Ben. of Francis L. Coye	Laborer	12/26/54
George A. LeFave	Laborer	4/22/55
Frank Gilmartin	Laborer	10/31/55
Genevieve J. Creelay	Health Nurse	12/31/55
Annie M. McCormack, Ben. of Michael J. McCormack	Laborer	6/30/56
Ruth S. Winship	Assistant Library	7/31/56
Catherine Velmure, Ben. of George Velmure	Laborer	9/12/56
Abina T. Greelish, Ben. of Anthony J. Greelish	Laborer	11/1/56
Michael J. Murphy	Firefighter	11/30/56
Emily E. Sheridan, Ben, Frank J. Sheridan	Laborer	1/27/57
Malcolm G. Fillmore	Building Commissioner	6/30/57

SCHEDULE OF MEMBERSHIP FOR 1957
ACTIVE MEMBERS

Active Membership December 31, 1956		287
Enrolled during 1957		25
	Total	312
Deduct: ceased by		
Death	1	
Withdrawal	27	
Retired	1	
Transferred to inactive	5	34
		278

INACTIVE MEMBERS

Inactive membership, December 31,1956	65
Retirements and transfers	6
	71
Deduct:	
Deaths and withdrawals	12
	59
Total Active and Inactive Membership, December 31, 1957	337

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT EARNINGS DURING 1957

Gross interest	$ 22,230.42
Less: net decrease by amortization	103.24
	$ 22,127.18
Plus: net increase in accrued interest	544.59
Total earnings	22,671.77
Total regular interest required to maintain funds of System in accordance with law	13,740.93
Surplus	$ 8,930.84

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

CITY OF MELROSE

Year Ending December 31, 1957

Showing Total Enrollment by Ages and Grades as of October 1, 1957

Age	Spec.	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	PG	Total
4 to 5 yrs.		122														122
5 to 6 yrs.		380	91													471
6 to 7 yrs.		8	351	74												433
7 to 8 yrs.	1		26	344	65											436
8 to 9 yrs.	1		1	27	305	92										426
9 to 10 yrs.	2			3	42	321	75									443
10 to 11 yrs.	1			1	8	31	360	94								495
11 to 12 yrs.	2					7	45	287	75							416
12 to 13 yrs.	3						3	45	278	77						406
13 to 14 yrs.	2							4	43	210	118	1				378
14 to 15 yrs.	4								9	42	275	129				459
15 to 16 yrs.	6								1	3	61	216	89			376
16 to 17 yrs.											11	39	201	87		338
17 to 18 yrs.											1	13	27	170	2	213
18 to 19 yrs.													4	27		31
19 to 20 yrs.														1		1
20 to 21 yrs.														1	1	2
21 and over															1	1
Total	22	510	469	449	420	451	483	430	406	332	466	398	321	286	4	5447

Showing Enrollment, Attendance, etc., for the School Year Ending June 30, 1957

1. By Schools

School	No. of different pupils enrolled exclusive of re-enrollment	No. of Boys	No. of Girls	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percent of Attendance
High	1334	648	686	1289.80	1222.68	94.02
Beebe	253	131	122	242.35	224.01	92.43
Coolidge	687	352	335	676.57	636.38	94.05
Franklin	244	134	110	239.28	225.91	94.41
Lincoln	573	321	252	564.57	521.34	92.34
Horace Mann	400	204	196	384.89	358.99	93.27
Ripley	197	108	89	186.14	172.37	92.60
Roosevelt	381	173	208	372.81	354.11	94.98
Warren	116	61	55	112.01	102.39	91.41
Washington	426	226	200	422.10	390.12	92.42
Whittier	122	53	69	117.19	103.51	88.32
Winthrop	623	302	321	608.00	562.60	92.53
	5356	2713	2643	5215.71	4874.41	93.45

2. By Grades

Grade						
Post Graduate	7	6	1	4.08	3.72	91.17
Seniors	266	117	149	259.08	246.49	95.14
Juniors	296	128	168	288.78	273.23	94.61
Sophomores	348	169	179	330.03	313.30	94.93
Freshmen	417	228	189	407.83	385.94	94.63
Special	19	12	7	17.39	15.97	91.83
Eighth	405	204	201	400.41	379.89	94.87
Seventh	340	165	175	334.30	316.78	94.75
Sixth	411	216	195	402.82	380.15	94.37
Fifth	458	222	236	448.83	425.78	94.84
Fourth	474	261	213	465.38	437.40	93.98
Third	466	252	214	458.28	428.30	93.45
Second	433	209	224	422.03	395.42	93.69
First	468	265	203	454.53	420.49	92.51
Kindergarten	548	259	289	521.94	451.55	86.51
	5356	2713	2643	5215.71	4874.41	93.45

School Year	No. of different pupils enrolled in elementary schools exclusive of re-enrollment	No. of different pupils enrolled in High School exclusive of re-enrollment	Average membership in elementary schools	Average membership in High School	Average attendance in elementary schools	Average attendance in High School	No. of graduates from High School	No. of graduates from grammar school
1937-38	2,923	1,438	2,827.05	1,424.60	2,678.43	1,359.30	324	308
1938-39	2,743	1,522	2,697.30	1,468.37	2,567.96	1,375.61	318	259
1939-40	2,785	1,453	2,732.18	1,429.19	2,612.83	1,363.96	331	286
1940-41	2,702	1,414	2,675.99	1,379.13	2,539.31	1,311.52	302	296
1941-42	2,695	1,392	2,610.29	1,365.20	2,404.33	1,290.64	332	320
1942-43	2,648	1,308	2,569.75	1,249.51	2,371.82	1,168.83	265	335
1943-44	2,546	1,249	2,474.18	1,216.49	2,295.41	1,135.55	288	311
1944-45	2,452	1,220	2,391.13	1,193.39	2,230.73	1,125.37	269	296
1945-46	2,532	1,223	2,447.29	1,175.46	2,287.43	1,106.65	261	325
1946-47	2,486	1,237	2,419.63	1,203.70	2,259.02	1,139.01	265	247
1947-48	2,485	1,159	2,419.45	1,133.40	2,265.17	1,070.04	283	257
1948-49	2,543	1,094	2,515.75	1,073.86	2,345.14	1,021.50	280	277
1949-50	2,646	1,051	2,500.00	1,037.06	2,427.84	983.04	260	294
1950-51	3,095	1,090	3,066.54	1,048.97	2,751.07	1,001.24	216	274
1951-52	3,200	1,078	3,095.24	1,047.14	2,824.01	985.65	233	271
1952-53	3,366	1,076	3,262.25	1,057.97	3,013.04	1,002.65	224	286
1953-54	3,517	1,154	3,473.74	1,147.91	3,216.28	1,089.08	263	292
1954-55	3,687	1,167	3,605.13	1,153.31	3,318.55	1,091.41	264	333
1955-56	3,859	1,236	3,765.19	1,208.45	3,518.72	1,152.52	257	352
1956-57	4,022	1,334	3,925.91	1,289.80	3,651.73	1,222.68	256	384

Financial Summary - January 1, 1957 - December 31, 1957

	Requested by School Committee	Appropriated by Board of Aldermen	Plus or Minus Transfers and Credits	Net Appropriations	Expenditures	Balances
Salaries	$ 1,277,256.00	1,277,256.00	- 1,687.50	1,275,568.50	1,275,568.50	
Other General Expense	12,150.00	12,150.00		12,150.00	11,938.77	211.23
Textbooks and Supplies	73,970.00	73,970.00		73,970.00	72,723.31	1,246.69
Plant Maintenance & Operation	138,850.00	138,850.00		138,850.00	138,779.67	70.33
Support of Athletics	17,436.00	17,436.00	+ 4,000.00	21,436.00	19,792.72	1,643.28
	1,519,662.00	1,519,662.00	+ 2,312.50	1,521,974.50	1,518,802.97	3,171.53
Special Appropriations						
Adult Education	8,405.00	8,405.00	+ 521.00	8,926.00	8,562.80	363.20
Out of State Travel	200.00	200.00		200.00	194.03	5.97
Horace Mann Playground	4,000.00	4,000.00		4,000.00	3,778.83	221.17
	12,605.00	12,605.00	+ 521.00	13,126.00	12,535.66	590.34
Carried Over from 1956						
High School Lawn and Drain	125.66	125.66		125.66		125.66
Interior Fire Alarms	512.10	512.10		512.10	269.84	242.26
	637.76	637.76		637.76	269.84	367.92
GRAND TOTAL	1,532,904.76	1,532,904.76	+ 2,833.50	1,535,738.26	1,531,608.47	4,129.79

Cost per Pupil, Average Membership, Fiscal Year 1957

		High	Elementary
General Control		$ 7,469.50	22,408.50
General Control, per pupil		5.08	5.64
Teachers' Salaries		355,190.07	789,722.49
Teachers' Salaries, per pupil		240.80	198.57
Textbooks		7,250.92	11,343.25
Textbooks, per pupil		4.92	2.85
Supplies		18,492.77	31,909.78
Supplies, per pupil		12.54	8.03
Operation of School Plant		34,793.51	124,053.16
Operation of School Plant, per pupil		23.59	31.23
Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds		15,427.99	41,362.45
Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds, per pupil		10.46	10.41
New Furniture and Furnishings		687.45	9,174.22
New Furniture and Furnishings, per pupil		.47	2.31
Other Expense		3,130.79	893.08
Other Expense, per pupil		2.12	.23
Tuition - Vocational and Evening Schools	$2,518.58		
Transportation	4,159.78		

General Statistics

Population of Melrose (Jan. 1, 1957)	29,713
Number of different pupils enrolled, exclusive of re-enrollment, school year 1956 - 1957	5,187
Number in High School	1,285
Number in Elementary Schools	3,902
Total approved bills, 1956 - 1957 (Support)	$ 1,439,562.89
Amount expended for High School, exclusive of General Control 1956 - 1957	443,744.07
Cost per pupil in High School based upon average membership, 1956 - 1957 (1,285)	345.33
Amount expended for Elementary Schools exclusive of General Control, 1956 - 1957	995,818.82
Cost per pupil in Elementary Schools, based upon average membership 1956 - 1957 (3,902)	255.21
Amount expended for tuition (Vocational Schools)	2,518.58
Number of full-time High School teachers including Principal Jan. 1, 1957	61
Number of full-time Elementary School teachers, including Principals, Jan. 1, 1957	158

DENTAL REPORT OF HEALTH TEACHER

School Year 1956-1957

Number of individual inspections	3,383
Number of notices sent	1,352
Number of home visits	325
Number of visits to Forsyth	24
Number of restorations	1,000
Number of x-rays	260
Number of surgical cases	50
Number of children treated	182

INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOOL BUILDINGS
Melrose, Massachusetts

Name	When Built	Valuation
Whittier	1884	$ 36,880
Warren	1892	55,550
Franklin	1896	137,220
Lincoln	1896	365,550
Washington	1896	243,880
Coolidge	1897	609,550
Roosevelt	1924	480,770
Ripley	1924	148,000
Winthrop	1926	403,495
High	1933	1,319,220
Horace Mann	1950	515,057
Beebe	1955	383,200

Respectfully submitted,

Harold T. Rand

Harold T. Rand
Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To His Honor, the Mayor, and the Honorable Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:

The report of the Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year 1957 follows:

	Not Sealed	Adjusted	Sealed	Condemned
Scales	1	5	155	0
Gasoline Pumps	0	2	81	0
Grease Meters	0	0	28	0
	1	7	264	0

Inspections:
Fibre cartons, fuel meters, food in packages, peddlers and junk licenses 8

Equipment:
In quantity and value, approximately the same as at the end of 1956

Cost of Department		Receipts of Department	
Salary	$1,451.73	Sealing Fees	$222.90
Other Expenses	233.46	Licenses	10.00
		Plates	1.25
Total	$1,685.19	Total	$234.15

Respectfully submitted,

Oscar D. Knight

Oscar D. Knight
Sealer

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' BENEFITS AND SERVICES

To His Honor, the Mayor,
and the Honorable Board of Aldermen
Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

During the year 1957, the Department of Veterans' Benefits and Services has shown an increase over previous years, due to the number of veterans who have been discharged from all wars, from the Civil War to the present Korean conflict. The Department of Veterans' Services has assisted all the discharged service men from Melrose who have come to this office, in making out their applications for the State bonus. This service consists of typing applications, making photostatic copies of separation reports, and mailing the originals with self-addressed envelopes to the Korean Bonus Commission.

This office has also mailed special form applications to many "career" service men, not yet discharged, who have become entitled to the bonus by reason of long-term enlistments.

Permanent typed recordings of military records are still being made and filed.

Active files of men serving in peace time are maintained and kept up to date from information received from their families, Selective Service and local newspaper items.

This Department has also assisted several other Departments of the City of Melrose in making photostatic copies of necessary documents from time to time.

Other services rendered consisted of finding apartments for veterans, suitable rooms for veterans rooming out, and the expediting of G.I. Home Loans in several instances. Advice to veterans on questions of compensation, pensions, insurance, education, on-the-job training, and other benefits applicable under the Korean G.I. Bill continues to be part of the daily routine.

Many of the World War 1 veterans are now becoming eligible for Part III Pension, the average age being around sixty and we assist them in making application for same. Family morale has been helped considerably by the efforts of this Department.

The work of the Veterans' Benefits and Services Department is constantly increasing due to the number of veterans from all wars, the advancing age with attendant ills and disabilities of veterans and their families of the Civil War (we have one), the Spanish American War, World War 1, World War II and Korea.

H. Leslie Winsley
Agent and Director
Veterans' Benefits and Services

To His Honor, the Mayor
and the Honorable Board of Aldermen
Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit the following report of the Department of Veterans' Benefits and Services for year ending December 31, 1957:

General Administration
Salaries and Wages

Appropriation		
Budget	$ 9,097.40	
Order #12203 - Increase	525.20	
Expenditures		
Agent		$ 4,158.91
Clerks		5,353.10
Balance		110.59
	$ 9,622.60	$ 9,622.60

General Administration
Other Expenses

Appropriation		
Budget	$ 1,100.00	
Expenditures		
Bills paid		$ 1,036.12
Balance		63.88
	$ 1,100.00	$ 1,100.00

Veterans' Benefits
(One-half of State Approvals to be refunded to City of Melrose)

Appropriation		
Budget	$30,000.00	
Additional Appropriation Order #12403	2,000.00	
Additional Appropriation Order #12403-A	500.00	
Expenditures		
Cash (Treasurer's Pay Roll)		$32,171.51
Balance		328.49
	$32,500.00	$32,500.00

Veterans' Burials
(One-half of State approvals to be refunded to the City of Melrose)

Appropriation		
Budget	$ 150.00	
Expenditures		
Bills paid		None
Balance		$ 150.00
	$ 150.00	$ 150.00

Armed Forces Records

Appropriation		
Budget	$ 100.00	
Expenditures		
Order #12404 - Transfer to New Equipment		$ 19.31
Balance		80.69
	$ 100.00	$ 100.00

New Equipment

Appropriation		
Budget	$ 451.75	
Budget Order #12404 - Transfer from Armed Forces Records	19.31	
Expenditures		
Bills paid		$ 471.06
Balance		000.00
	$ 471.06	$ 471.06

H. Lee Tinsley
Agent and Director
Veterans' Benefits and Services

REPORT OF THE WIRE DEPARTMENT

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit the following report of the Wire Department for the year 1957.

Inspection of Wires.

Eleven hundred and fifty inspections were made on new work.
Three hundred and ninety inspections were made on oil burners.
One hundred and seventy permits were made to the Suburban Electric Company allowing current to be turned on.

Fire Alarm System.

Sixteen hundred and ninety inspections of box movements were made.
Four miles of weatherproof wire were pulled.
One hundred and twenty cross arms were installed.
Nine new non-interfering succession fire boxes were installed.

Police Signal System.

Two and one half miles of copper weatherproof wire were pulled
One hundred batteries were installed in police boxes.
Eighty red lights were renewed.
Two traffic spot lights were installed.
Twenty-three flood lights were renewed.
In addition to the above the normal maintenance to the Fire and Police Signal Systems was continued.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stanley A. Riggs

Wire Inspector

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